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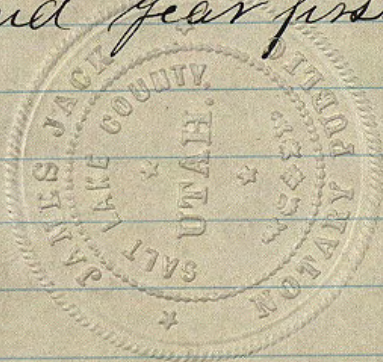
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Territory of Utah } ss.  
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Be it remembered that on this twenty-sixth day of June A. D. 1869 - personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary-Public in and for said County, Joseph Bates Noble, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith, that, on the fifth day of April A. D. 1841, at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, he married or sealed Louisa Beaman, to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, according to the order of Celestial Marriage revealed to the said Joseph Smith

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Joseph Bates Noble the day  
 and year first above written } Joseph B. Noble



James Jack  
 Notary Public

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Be it remembered that on this first day of May A.D. eighteen sixty nine before me Elias Smith Probate Judge for said County personally appeared, Zina Diantha Huntington<sup>Young</sup>, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the twenty-seventh day of October A.D. 1841, at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Dimick B. Huntington, a High Priest in said Church, according to the laws of the same; regulating marriage; In the presence of Fanny Maria Huntington

Zina D. H. Young

Subscribed and Sworn to by  
 the said Zina D. H. Young, the  
 day and year first above written

E. Smith

Probate Judge

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Be it remembered that on this first day of May A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Elias Smith Probate Judge for said County Presenda Lathrop Huntington <sup>Kimball</sup> who was by me sworn in due form of Law and upon her oath saith, that on the eleventh day of December A.D. 1841, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by Dimick B. Huntington, a High Priest in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Fanny Maria Huntington

Presenda L. H. Kimball

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Presenda L. H. Kimball the day  
 and year first above written

E. Smith

Probate Judge

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Be it remembered that on this first day of May, A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Ruth Vose Sayers who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith that on day of February A. D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, She was married or sealed to Joseph Smith President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Hyrum Smith, Presiding Patriarch of said Church, according to the laws of the same, regulating marriage, in the presence of.

Ruth V. Sayers

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Ruth V. Sayers, the day  
 and year first above written

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Be it remembered that on this first day of May A.D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith Probate Judge for said County, Emily Dow Partridge Young, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith, that on the fourth day of March A.D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by Heber C. Kimball, one of the Twelve Apostles of said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage, in the presence of

Emily D. P. Young

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
said Emily D. P. Young, the day  
and year first above written.)  
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Be it remembered that on this  
 first day of May A.D. 1869, personally  
 appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate  
 Judge for said County, Emily Dow Partridge  
 Young, who was by me sworn in due  
 form of law, and upon her oath saith  
 that on the eleventh day of May A.D. 1843  
 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock  
 State of Illinois, she was married or sealed  
 to Joseph Smith, President of the Church  
 of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by  
 James Adams, a High Priest in said  
 Church; according to the laws of the same  
 regulating marriage, in presence of Emma  
 (Hale) Smith, and Eliza Maria Partridge (Lyman)  
 Emily D. P. Young

Subscribed and Sworn to by  
 the said Emily D. P. Young, the day  
 and year first above written

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Be It remembered that on this first day of May A.D. 1864, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Marinda Nancy Johnson Hyde, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the — day of May A.D. 1843, at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Brigham Young, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, of said Church, according to the laws of the same, regulating Marriage; in the presence of Eliza Maria Partridge Lyman, and Emily Dow Partridge Young.

M. N. J. Hyde

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said M. N. J. Hyde, the day  
 and year first above written }

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Be it remembered that on this first day of May A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Elias Smith Probate Judge for said County, Rhoda Richards<sup>Smith</sup>, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith, that on the twelfth day of June A.D. 1843 at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Willard Richards, one of the Twelve Apostles of said Church, according to the laws of the same, regulating marriage in the presence of

Rhoda Richards Smith

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
said Rhoda Richards<sup>Smith</sup> the day  
and year first above written }

E. Smith

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Be it remembered that on this first day of May A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Elias Smith Probate Judge for said County, Dimitrick B. Huntington, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith, that on the 27th day of October A.D. 1841, at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, he married or sealed Zina D. Huntington to Joseph Smith President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, And also on the eleventh day of December A.D. 1841 at the same place he married or sealed, Priscilla L. Huntington to the said Joseph Smith, according to the laws of said Church, regulating marriage, in presence of Fanny M. Huntington.

D. B. Huntington

Subscribed and sworn to by the said  
 D. B. Huntington, the day and year first above written.

E. Smith Probate Judge

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Be it remembered that on this first day of May A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Elias Smith Probate Judge for said County, Fanny Maria Huntington, who was by me sworn and on her oath said that she was present when Zina D. and Presendia L. Huntington were married or sealed to Joseph Smith President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, in the fall of 1841.

Fanny Maria Huntington

Subscribed and Sworn to by the  
 Said Fanny Maria Huntington, the  
 day and year first above written }  
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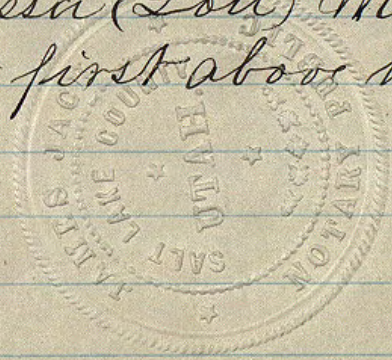
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Be it remembered that on this twentieth day of May A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack a notary public of said county Malissa (Lott) Willes, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith that, on the twentieth day of Sept-  
 Ad. 1842 at the city of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Hyrum Smith then Presiding Patriarch of the said church according to the laws of the same, regulating marriage; in the presence of Cornelius P. Lott, and Permelia Lott,

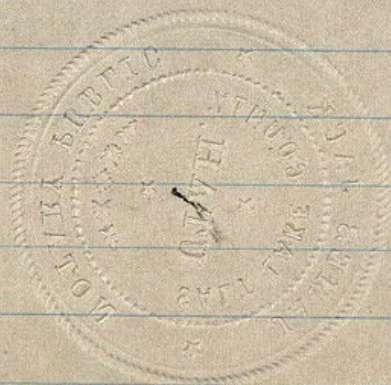
Malissa Lott Willes.

Subscribed and sworn to by the said  
 Malissa (Lott) Willes the day and  
 year first above written.

James Jack  
 Notary Public



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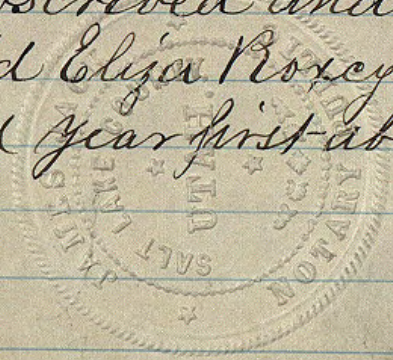
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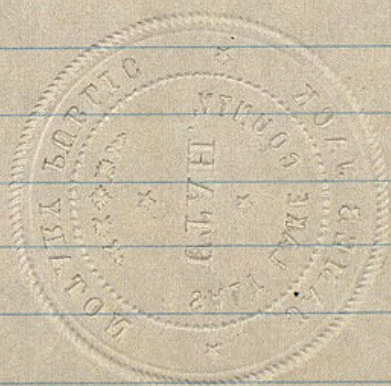
Be it remembered that on this  
 Seventh day of June A.D. 1869, personally  
 appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public,  
 in and for said County Eliza Roxcy Snow<sup>Smith</sup>,  
 who was by me sworn in due form of law  
 and upon her oath saith, that on the  
twenty-ninth day of June A.D. 1842, at the  
 City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State  
 of Illinois, she was married or sealed to  
 Joseph Smith, President of the Church of  
 Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Brigham  
 Young, President of the Quorum of the Twelve  
 Apostles of said Church, according to the  
 laws of the same regulating marriage, in  
 the presence of Sarah M. Cleveland,

Eliza R. Snow, Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 Said Eliza Roxcy Snow<sup>Smith</sup> the day  
 and year first above written.

James Jack,  
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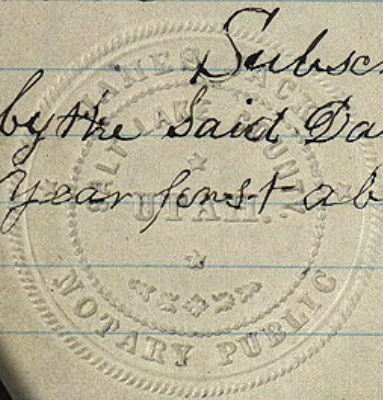
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Be it remembered that on this fifteenth day of June A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, David Fullmer, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon his oath saith; that on or about the twelfth ~~fourth~~ day of August A.D. 1843 while in meeting with the High Council, (he being a member thereof) in Hyrum Smith's brick office in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois; Dunbar Wilson made enquiry in relation to the subject of a plurality of wives as there were rumors afloat respecting it, and he was "satisfied there was something in those rumors, and he wanted to know what it was." upon which the said Hyrum Smith stepped across the road to his residence and soon returned, bringing with him a copy of the revelation on Celestial Marriage given to Joseph Smith July twelfth A.D. 1843 and read the same to the High Council and bore testimony to its truth. The said David Fullmer

further saith that to the best of his memory and belief, the following named persons were present William Marks, Austin A. Cowles, Samuel Bent, A. Cutler, George W. Harris, Dunbar Wilson, William Huntington, Levi Jackman, Aaron Johnson, Thomas Grover, David Fullmer, James Allred, and Leonard Soby. And the said David Fullmer further saith, that Wm Marks, Austin A. Cowles, and Leonard Soby were the only persons present who did not receive the Revelation and testimony of Hyrum Smith and that all the others did receive it from the teaching and testimony of the said Hyrum Smith. and further that the copy of said Revelation on Celestial Marriage published in the Desert News Extra of September fourteenth A.D. 1852, is a true copy of the same.

Subscribed and sworn to  
by the said David Fullmer the day & } David Fullmer  
year first above written. }  
James Jack  
Notary Public





Certificate

I, Lovina Walker hereby certify, that while I was living with Aunt Emma Smith, in Fulton City Fulton Co. Illinois, in the year 1846. that she told me, that she, Emma Smith was present and witnessed the marrying or sealing of Elija Partridge, Emily Partridge, Mariah Lawrence, and Sarah Lawrence to her husband, Joseph Smith, and that she gave her consent thereto.

Lovina Walker

We hereby witness that Lovina Walker made and signed the above statement, on this sixteenth day of June A.D. 1869 at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co. Utah Territory of her own freewill and accord.

Hyrum S. Walker  
Sarah C. Smith  
Joseph F. Smith



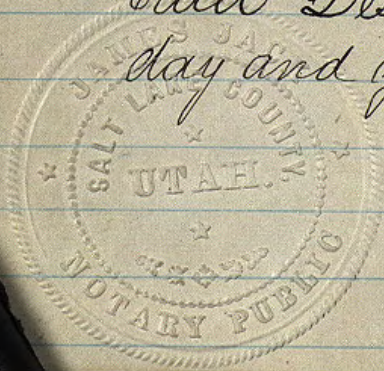
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Be it remembered that on this  
 Seventeenth day of June A.D. 1869 personally  
 appeared before me James Jack, a Notary  
 Public in and for said county, Desdemona  
Fullmer Smith who was by me sworn in due form  
 of law, and upon her oath saith, that  
 on the day of July A.D. 1843  
 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State  
 of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph  
 Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ  
 of Latter Day Saints, by Brigham Young, President  
 of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of said Church according  
 to the laws of the same, regulating marriage,  
 in the presence of Heber C. Kimball.

Desdemona Fullmer Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 Said Desdemona Fullmer Smith the  
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James Jack  
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Be it remembered that on the nineteenth day of June A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said county, Mercy B. Thompson, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the eleventh day of August A.D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed for time to Hyrum Smith, Presiding Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, by Joseph Smith, President of the same, according to the laws of said church regulating marriage. In the presence of her sister Mary Smith.

Mercy B. Thompson  
 Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Mercy B. Thompson the  
 day and year first above written }

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Be it remembered that on this nineteenth day of June A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me Elias Smith Probate Judge for said county, Sarah Ann Kimball, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the twenty-seventh day of July A. D. 1842 at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, by Newel K. Whitney, Presiding Bishop of said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Elizabeth Ann Whitney, her mother.

Sarah A. Kimball

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Sarah Ann Kimball the day  
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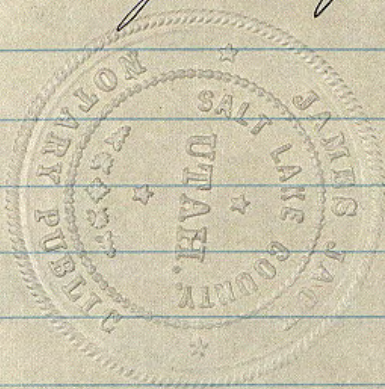
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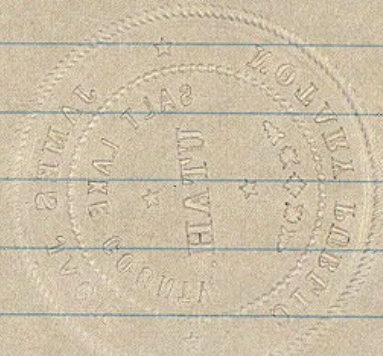
Be it remembered that on this twenty-sixth day of June A.D. 1869- personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for said County, Joseph Bates Noble, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith that, in the fall of the year A.D. 1840 Joseph Smith, taught him the principle of Celestial marriage or a "plurality of wives", and that the said Joseph Smith declared that he had received a Revelation from God on the subject, and that the Angel of the Lord had commanded him, (Joseph Smith) to move forward in the said order of marriage, and further, that the said Joseph Smith, requested him, (Jas. Bates Noble) to step forward and assist him in carrying out the said principle, saying "in revealing this to you I have placed my life in your hands, therefore do not in an evil hour betray me to my enemies."

Subscribed and sworn to  
 by the said Joseph Butes Noble } Joseph B. Noble  
 the day and year first above written }



James Jack  
 Notary Public

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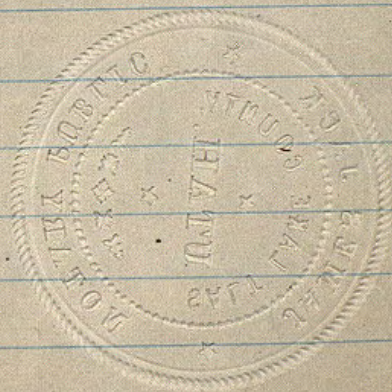


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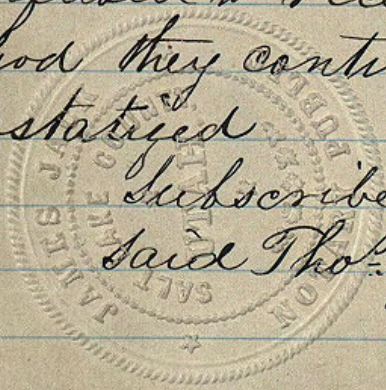


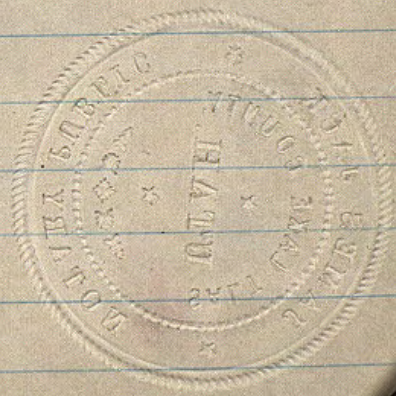
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Be it remembered that on this  
 fifth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared  
 before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for  
 said county Thos. Grover who was by me sworn  
 in due form of law and upon his oath saith that  
 the affidavit of David Fullmer, before me James  
 Jack, on the fifteenth day of June A. D. 1869. is  
 true and correct. And the said Thomas  
 Grover further saith that H. Grum Smith  
 reasoned upon said Revelation for about an  
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 that William Marks, A. A. Cowles and L. Soby  
 refused to receive said Revelation as from  
 God they continued to dwindle until they app-  
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Thos. Grover

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Thos. Grover the day & year above written  
 James Jack



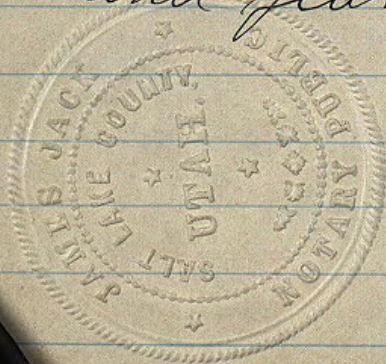


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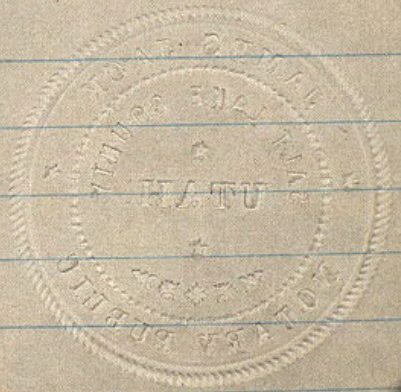
Be it remembered that on this sixth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County Thomas Grover of Davis County, Utah Territory, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August A. D. 1843 Hyrum Smith, Patriarch, sealed or married to him, by order of President Joseph Smith, two wives, viz. Caroline Whiting and Caroline C. Hubbard, according to the principle and commandment contained in the Revelation on Celestial Marriage, <sup>written</sup> ~~given~~ July 12- A. D. 1843.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Thomas Grover the day  
 and year first above written } Thomas Grover

James Jack  
 Notary Public



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Be it remembered that on this  
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 before me James Jack, a Notary Public in  
 and for said County, Mary Ann Young  
 who was by me sworn in due form of law  
 and upon her oath saith, that on the

day of A. D. 184 in  
 the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock  
 State of Illinois, she was sealed or married  
 for time and all eternity, to President Brig-  
 ham Young, by the Patriarch Hyrum  
 Smith, in the presence of the Prophet  
 Joseph Smith

Mary Ann Young  
 subscribed and sworn to by the  
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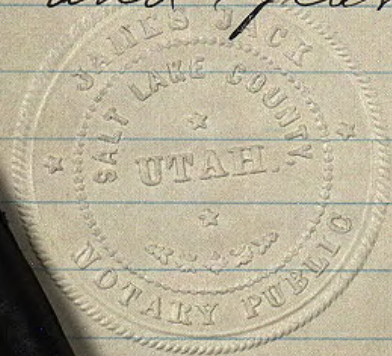
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Be it remembered that on this Tenth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for said County, Lucy Ann D. Young, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the fourteenth day of June A. D. 1842, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed for time and all eternity to President Brigham Young, by the Prophet Joseph Smith, in the presence of Elder Willard Richards one of the Twelve. Lucy Ann, D. Young. Subscribed and sworn to by the said Lucy Ann D. Young the day and year first above written }



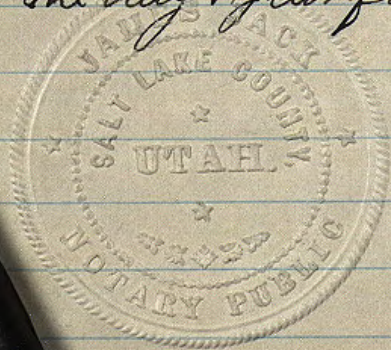
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Be it remembered that on this twelfth day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Augusta (Adams) Young who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith that on the second day of November A.D. 1843, she was married or sealed, for time and all eternity to Pres. Brigham Young, by the Prophet Joseph Smith, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, in the presence of Mary Ann Young, Fanny Murray, and Harriet Cook

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Augusta (Adams) Young } Augusta A Young  
 the day & year first above written }



James Jack  
 Notary Public



Territory of Utah }  
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Be it remembered that on this twelfth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Augusta (Adams) Young, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the second day of November A. D. 1843 in the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she witnessed the marrying or sealing of Fanny Murray to President Joseph Smith, by President Brigham Young; Mary Ann Young and Harriet Cook, being present.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Augusta (Adams) Young this day } Augusta A. Young  
 and year first above written)



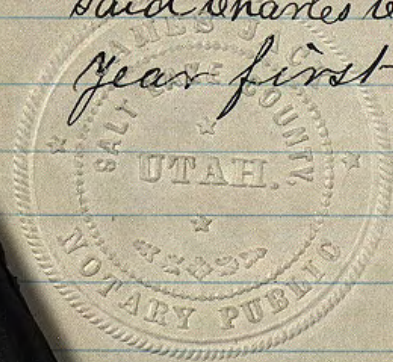
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Be it remembered that on this twelfth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Charles C. Rich who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon his oath saith that on the day of May A. D. 1844 as he was about starting on a mission to the State of Michigan, Hyrum Smith, Patriarch, taught him the principle of polygamy or celestial marriage, and told him that when he should return from the said mission it would be his privilege to take other wives.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Charles C. Rich the day and  
 year first above written } Charles C. Rich



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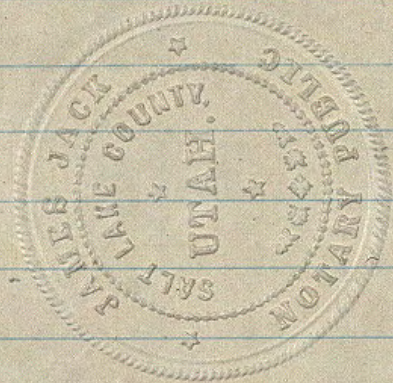
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Be it remembered that on this, twenty-second of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said county John Pack who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon his oath saith that on the        day of August A. D. 1843 Hyrum Smith, Patriarch, sent for him his wife and mother to come to the said Hyrum Smith's house in the city of Nauvoo, county of Hancock, State of Illinois, when the said Hyrum Smith taught him his wife Julia, and his mother Philotte Pack the doctrine of celestial marriage, - that all former covenants and contracts in marriage would be null and void after death, and that it was his privilege to have his wife sealed to him for time and for all eternity, and further that he had a right to act for his father, George Pack who was dead, that his father and mother might be sealed or married for time and

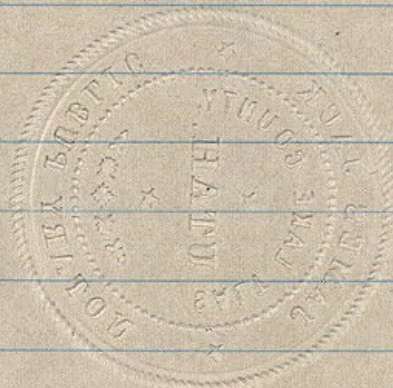
all eternity, also. and further that he received the doctrine as a Revelation from God thro' the Prophet Joseph Smith, and further that the said Hyrum Smith then and there sealed to him his wife Julia (Ives) for time and for all eternity, and also sealed or married his mother Phylotte (Green) to his father George Pack, he (John Pack) acting for and in behalf of his father who was dead.

Subscribed and sworn to }  
by the said John Pack the } John Pack  
day and Year first above written)

James Fack  
Notary Public



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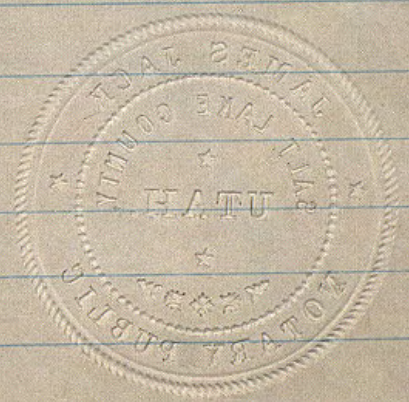
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Be it remembered that  
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 personally appeared before me James  
 Jack a Notary Public in and for said  
 County Byloid Lyon, who was by me  
 sworn in due form of law and upon  
 her oath saith that on the eighth day  
of February A. D. 1842, in the City of  
Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of  
 Illinois she was married or sealed  
 to President Joseph Smith by  
    in the presence of

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Be it remembered that on this second day of August A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack a Notary Public in and for said County Elizabeth B. Pratt, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that, on the twenty fourth day of July A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Parley P. Pratt for time and all eternity, by Patriarch Hyrum Smith, in the presence of Mary Ann Young, and Mary Ann Pratt, Mary Ann Pratt being sealed at the same time. Subscribed and sworn to by the said Elizabeth B. Pratt } Elizabeth B. Pratt  
 the day and year first written }



James Jack  
 Notary Public

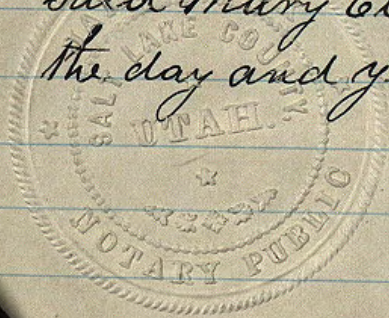


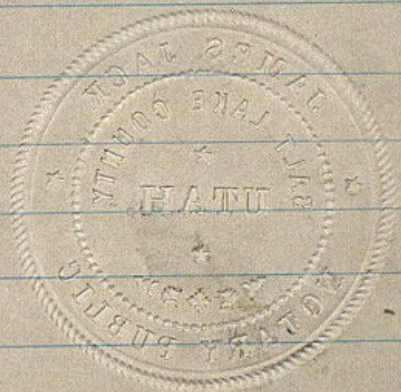
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Be it remembered that on this sixth day of August A.D. 1869- personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Mary Ellen (Abel) Kimball, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath said that, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 1844, at the city of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was present, and a witness to the marriage or sealing of Catherine Clawson to Howard Egan, (who already had one wife) by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Mary Ellen (Abel) Kimball } Mary Ellen Kimball  
 the day and year first above written }

James Jack  
 Notary Public

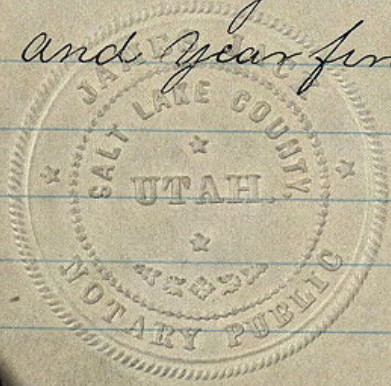




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Be it remembered that on this ninth day of August A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Lucy W. Kimball who was by me sworn in due form of law, and on her oath saith, that on the first day of May A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, She was married or sealed for time and all eternity to the Prophet Joseph Smith, by William Clayton, a High Priest in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; in the presence of Eliza Maria Partridge.

Subscribed and sworn to by the }  
 said Lucy W. Kimball the day } Lucy W. Kimball  
 and year first above written }



James Jack  
 Notary Public

The following extract is taken from William Clayton's Journal as pr. date.

"May 1st (1843) A. M. at the Temple, at 10. married Joseph to Lucy Walker. P. M. at Pres. Joseph's, he is gone out with Woodworth, he borrowed £20 of William Allen, I took supper with him. Pres. paid £20 to Woodworth for Nauvoo House"

The above is a true copy of entry (as pr. date) in William Clayton's Journal kept at the time. as witness <sup>th</sup> our hands.

Aug. 9. 1869 }  
Salt Lake City }

Joseph F. Smith  
John Henry Smith  
J. H. B. Smith  
John L. Smith

The following is an extract from Elder William Clayton's Journal as pr. date  
 "Wednesday Aug. 16th. 1843. This a. m. Joseph told me that since Emma came back from St. Louis, she had resisted the principle [of plural marriage] in toto, and he had to tell her he would relinquish all for her sake. She said she would give him Eliza and Emily Partridge, but he knew if he took them she would pitch on him, and obtain a divorce and leave him. He however told me he should not relinquish anything.

O! God deliver Thy servant from (this) iniquitous Bondage."

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of entry in William Clayton's Journal, kept at the time as pr. date, as witnesseth our hands.

Salt Lake City  
 Aug. 17-1869

Jos. F. Smith  
 John Henry Smith  
 Robt. L. Campbell



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 County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this twenty-fourth day of August A.D. 1849, personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Amos Fielding who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon his oath saith that in December A.D. 1843, on his arrival at Nauvoo, from a mission to England, he was informed that Joseph Smith had obtained a Revelation on Celestial marriage, and on or about the 9th of Mar. A.D. 1844, while in conversation with the Prophet, at the Mansion, a young lady passed through the room where they were sitting, when President Smith remarked, "that is one of my wives." And further, on the 24th day of Feb. A.D. 1844, in obedience to the requirement of the Prophet Joseph Smith, he did volunteer to go west on the exploring expedition to Oregon & California.

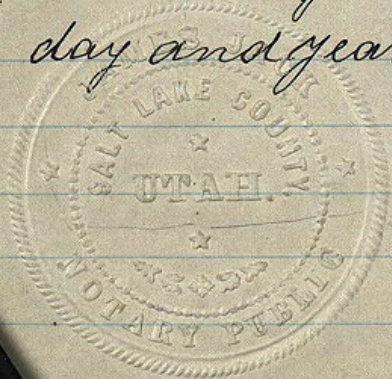
Subscribed & sworn to by the } Amos Fielding  
 Said Amos Fielding the day and }  
 Year first above written } James Jack  
 Notary Public



Territory of Utah }  
 County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this thirtieth day of August A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for said County, Elizabeth Ann Whitney, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith that on the twenty-seventh day of July A. D. 1842, in the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was present, and witnessed the marrying or sealing of her daughter Sarah Ann Whitney, to the Prophet Joseph Smith, for time and all eternity, by her husband Newel K. Whitney, then presiding Bishop of the Church.

Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Eliz<sup>th</sup> Ann Whitney the } E. A. Whitney  
 day and year first above written



James Jack  
 Notary Public

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Be it remembered that on this twenty-eighth day of August A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for said County, John Benbow, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith that in the Spring or fore part of the Summer of 1843 at his house, four miles from Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, President Joseph Smith taught him and his wife, Jane Benbow, the doctrine of Celestial marriage, or plurality of wives, Hyrum Smith being present.

And further, that Hannah Ells Smith a wife of the Prophet, boarded at his house two months during the Summer of the same year. And the said Hannah Ells Smith also lived at his house several months in 1844 after the Prophet's death.

And further, that President Smith frequently visited his wife Hannah at his house.

Subscribed and sworn to } John Benbow  
 by the said John Benbow }  
 the day & year first written } James Jack, Notary Public



Territory of Utah }  
 County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this twenty-eighth day of August A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said county, Nathan Tanner who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith, that, in the Spring of 1844 at Montross, Lee County, Iowa, he heard President Joseph Smith, while in conversation with himself, Harrison Sagers,

Daniels and others, teach the doctrine of Celestial Marriage or plurality of wives, and subsequently he heard the Prophet teach the doctrine publicly from the stand in Nauvoo, in a manner that he perfectly understood, not only that the Prophet believed it, but that it was in force at that time.

Subscribed and sworn to  
 by the said Nathan Tanner  
 the day & year first written

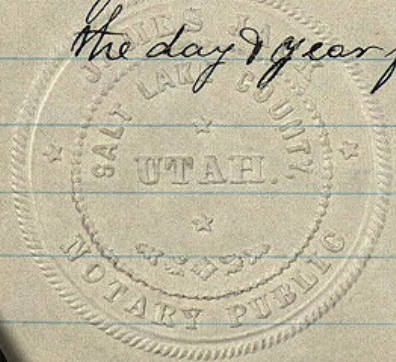
Nathan Tanner  
 James Jack  
 Notary Public



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Be it remembered that on this twenty-eighth day of August A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County Elvira A. C. Holmes who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith that on the first day of June A.D. 1843 at Heber C. Kimball's house, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, She was married or Sealed for time and all eternity to President Joseph Smith, by Elder Heber C. Kimball, in the presence of Vilate Kimball and Eliza Mariah (Partridge) Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to  
 by the said Elvira A. C. Holmes } Elvira A. C. Holmes  
 the day & year first written)



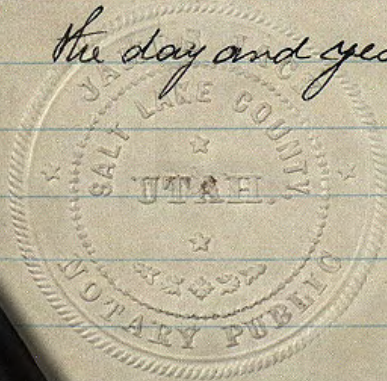
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Be it remembered that on this seventh day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for said county, Sarah Perry Peak Kimball, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that President Joseph Smith personally taught her the doctrine of a plurality of wives, and that on the                      day of                      A.D. 1842 at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois she was married or sealed for time and all eternity to Heber C. Kimball by President Joseph Smith in the presence of President Brigham Young.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Sarah Perry Peak Kimball } Sarah P. P. Kimball  
 the day and year first above written)

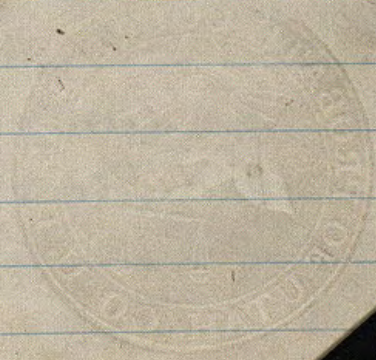


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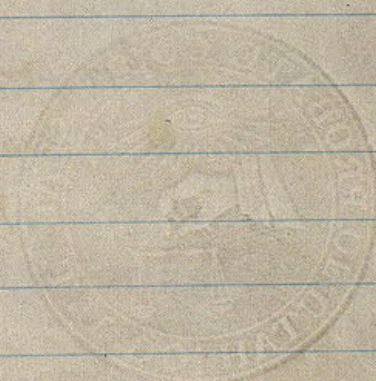
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Be it remembered that on this second day of October A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me L. John Nuttall County Clerk of said County James Allred, who was by me duly sworn, and upon his Oath saith, that, he was present at the High Council, on or about the twelfth day of August A.D. 1843, held in Hyrum Smith's Brick office, in Nauvoo, Hancock Co. Illinois, when Hyrum Smith read the Revelation on Celestial Marriage to said High Council, and enjoined it upon them to manifest their willingness to receive or reject the same, at the same time bearing his testimony of its truth, William Marks, N. A. Cowles and Leonard Soby were the only members of the Council present, who voted against the Revelation and the Testimony of Hyrum.

Subscribed and sworn to by  
the said James Allred the } James <sup>his</sup> Allred  
day and Year first above } mark  
written L. John Nuttall Co. Clerk  
Attest Jas. J. Brown



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Be it remembered that on this second day of October A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me L. John Nuttall County Clerk of said County. Aaron Johnson who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon his Oath saith that he was present at the High Council, (being a member thereof) held on or about the twelfth day of August A. D. 1843 in Hiram Smith's Brick Office, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, when Hiram Smith presented and read the Revelation on Celestial Marriage, given or dated July twelfth 1843, and the Affidavits of David Fullmer, sworn and subscribed to on the fifteenth day of June 1869, before James Jack, and of Thomas Grover, dated July Sixth 1869, and also that of James Alfred dated October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1869 which he has heard read, in my presence, are true and correct.

Subscribed and Sworn to by the } Aaron Johnson  
Said Aaron Johnson the day and }  
year first above written }

L. John Nuttall. C. Clerk.

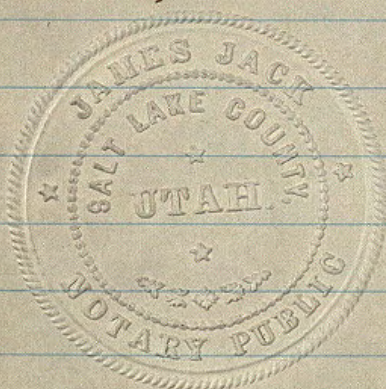


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Be it remembered that on this ~~thirteenth~~  
 -th day of October A.D. 1869 personally appeared before  
 me James Jack a notary public in and for said  
 county, Rossena Rachel Adams who was by me  
 sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath  
 saith that on the eleventh day of July A.D. 1843  
 at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of  
 Illinois, she was married to James Adams for  
 time and all eternity, (James Adams already <sup>living</sup> ~~has~~  
 ing one wife) by President Joseph Smith

Subscribed and sworn to by the }  
 Said Rossena Rachel Adams the } Rossena R Adams  
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James Jack  
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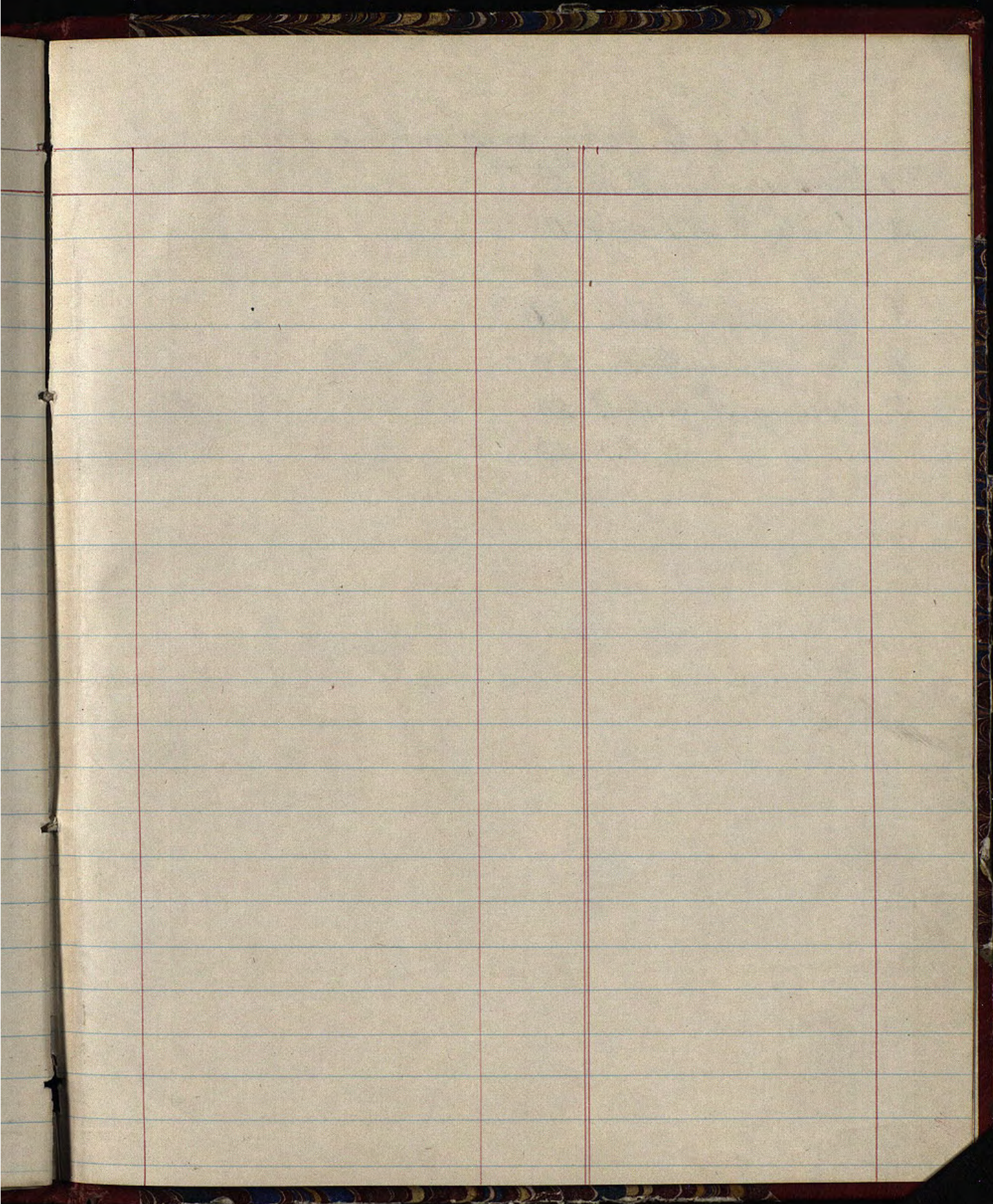
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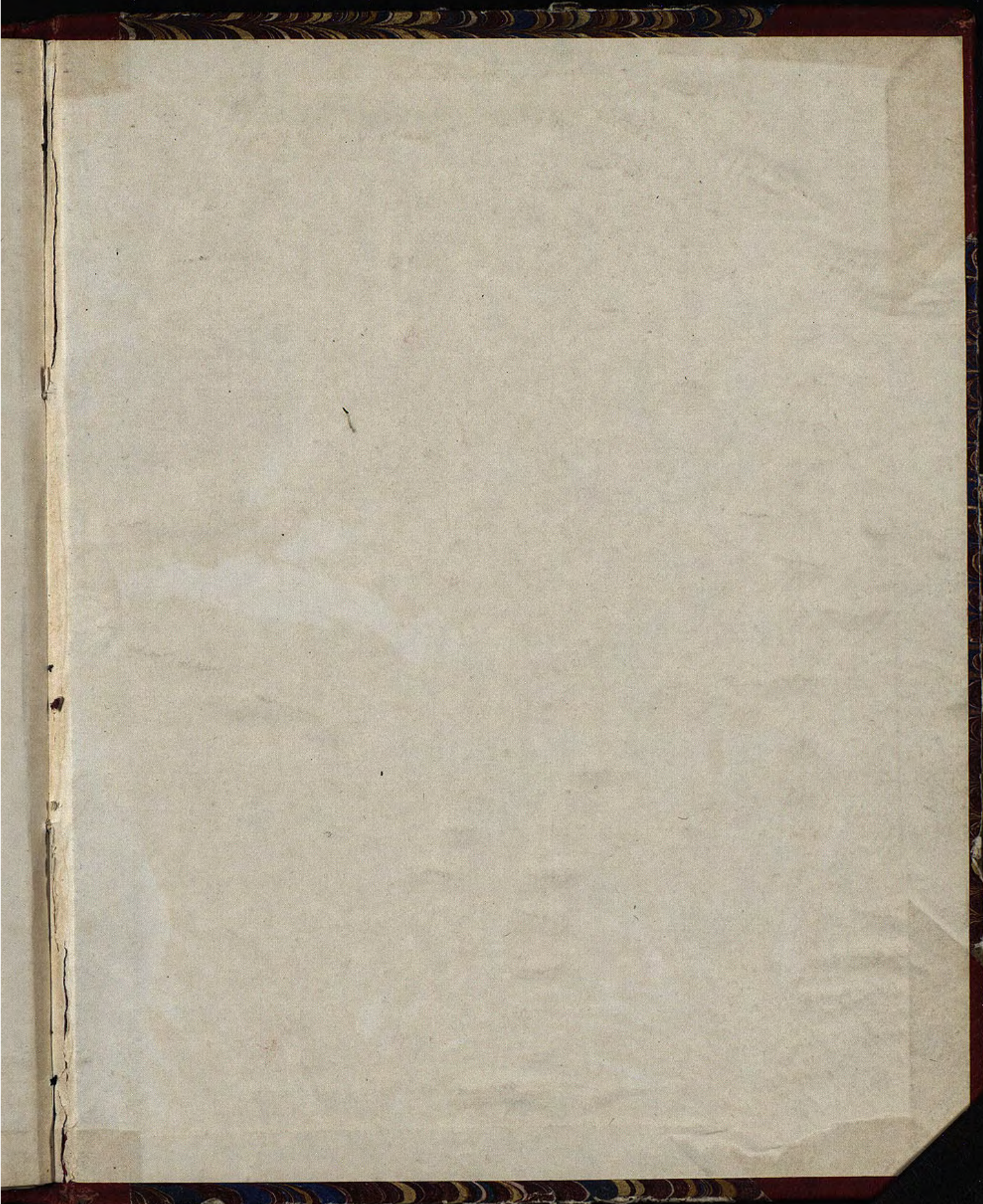


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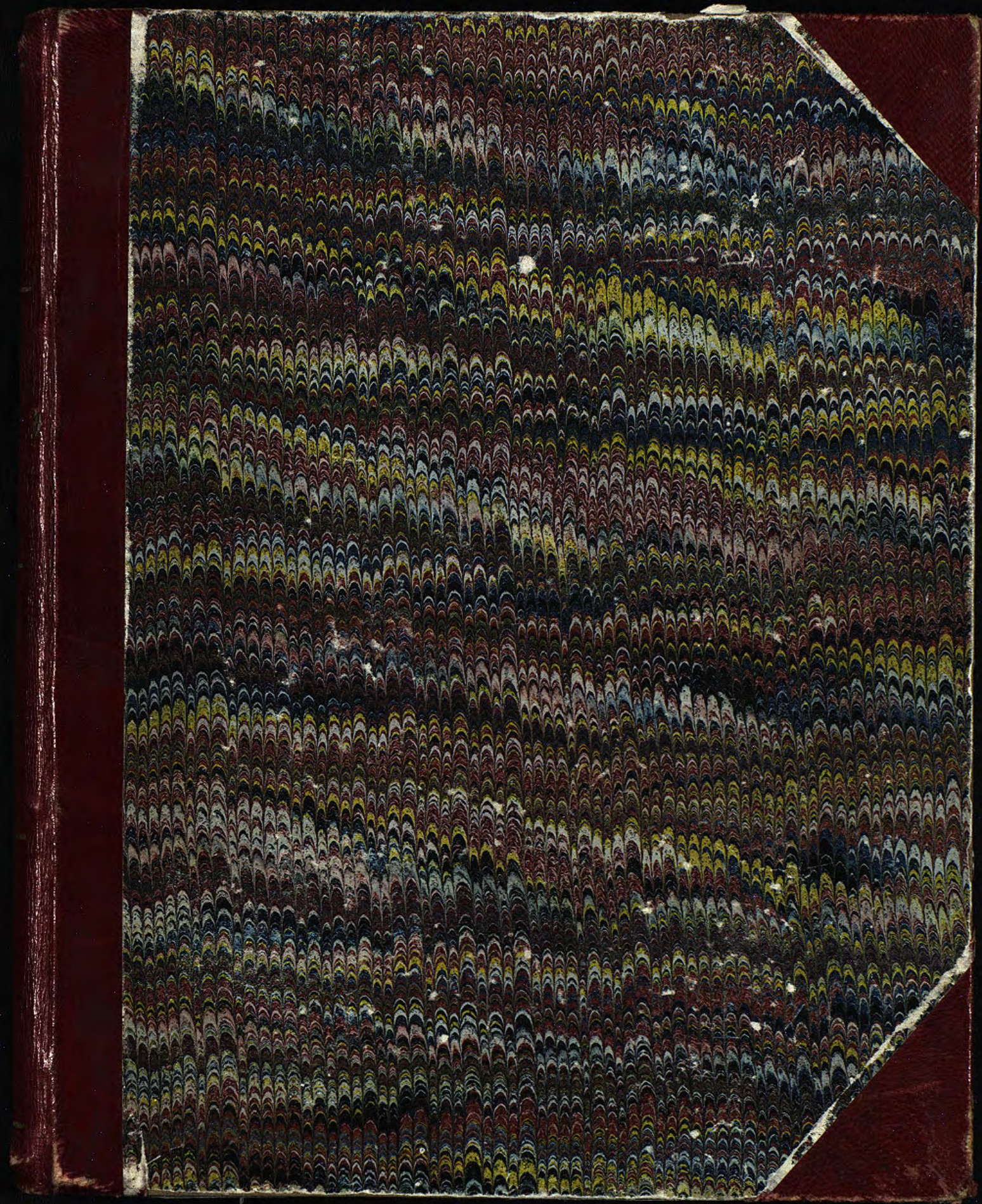




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## Testimony of Benjamin F. Johnson.

On the first day of April A. D. (1843,) eighteen hundred and forty-three, President Joseph Smith, Orson Hyde, and William Clayton and others came from Nauvoo to my residence in Macedonia or Ramus, in Hancock Co. Illinois. and were joyfully welcomed by myself and family as our guests.

On the following morning, Sunday April, Second, President Smith took me by the arm for a walk, leading the way to a secluded spot within an adjacent grove, where to my great surprise, he commenced to open up to me the principle of plural or celestial marriage, but I was more astonished by his asking me for my sister Almera to be his wife.

I sincerely believed him to be a prophet of God, and I loved him as such, and also for the many evidences of his kindness to me, yet such was the force of my education, and the scorn that

I felt towards anything un-virtuous that under the first impulse of my feelings, I looked him calmly, but firmly in the face and told him that, "I had always believed him to be a good man, and wished to believe it still, and would try to;" and that, "I would take for him a message to my sister, and if the doctrine was true, all would be well, but if I should afterwards learn that it was offered to insult or prostitute my sister I would take his life". With a smile he replied "Benjamin, you will never see that day, but you shall live to know that it is true, and rejoice in it."

He wished me to see my sister and talk to her, - I told him, I did not know what I could say to convince her, he replied, "when you open your mouth, you shall be able to comprehend, and you shall not want for evidence nor words". He also told me

that he would preach a sermon that day for me, which I would understand, while the rest of the congregation would not comprehend his meaning. his subject was the ten talents spoken of by the Savior, "unto him that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundantly, but from him that hath not (or will not receive) shall be taken away that which he hath, (or might have had.)" plainly giving me to understand that the talents represented wives and children as the principle of enlargement throughout the great future, to those who were heirs of Salvation.

I called my sister to private audience and with fear and trembling, and feelings that I cannot express commenced to open the Subject to her, when, just as he had promised, the light of the Lord shone upon my understanding and my tongue was loosed, and I at least was convinced of the truth

of what I was attempting to teach.

My sister received my Testimony, and in a short time afterwards consented to become the wife of President Smith.

Subsequent to this I took her to the city of Nauvoo, where she was married or Sealed for time and eternity to President Joseph Smith, by his brother Hyrum, in the presence of myself, and Louisa Beman who told me she had also been sealed or married to the Prophet Joseph, — this was at the residence of my sister, the widow of Lyman R. Sherman, who also was a witness.

After a short period, President Smith and company, viz. George Miller, William Clayton, J. M. Smith, and Eliza and <sup>Emily</sup> Lydia Partridge, (who were the wives of the Prophet) came again to Macedonia (Ramus) where he remained two days, lodging at my house with my sister, as man and wife, (and to my certain knowledge he occupied

the same bed with her.) This visit was on the Sixteenth and Seventeenth of May, eighteen-hundred and forty-three, returning to Nauvoo on the eighteenth, again on the nineteenth of October, the same year, President Smith made us another visit at Macedonia, and remained till the twenty-first, he was accompanied by William Clayton, at this time (Oct. 20) he sealed my first wife to me for time and all eternity. He visited us at other times and introduced ladies who accompanied him, as his wives, I think, Lucy-Walker was one of them. President Smith also asked me for my Sister Esther, but I told him I thought she was engaged to be married to David T. LeBaron, but that he was free to take Mary Ann Hale, an orphan girl whom my mother had raised, and who was then living with me. he said "no, she is not for me, but it is right for you to take her yourself for a wife, and

if your sister is engaged, it is all right" and in the presence of my family he talked to her on the subject, but as I had suspected, she was promised to be married.

He also visited my mother at her residence in Macedonia, and taught her in my hearing, the doctrine of celestial marriage, declaring that an Angel appeared unto him with a drawn sword, threatening to slay him if he did not proceed to fulfill the law that had been given to him, and counselled my mother to be sealed to his uncle, Father John Smith, to which she consented, and to my certain knowledge was subsequently sealed to him by the Prophet.

Previous to this I had commenced <sup>preparations</sup> to build me a brick house, in Macedonia, President Smith proposed, as my sister was now his wife, to furnish means to enlarge the building and we

would own and occupy it jointly, this plan was being carried out at the time of his death.

After the death of the Prophet, I told President Brigham Young, what he had said to me relative to my taking Mary Ann Hale to wife, he said it was right, and authorized Father John Smith to seal her to me, which he did on the 14th. of November, A.D. 1844.

B. F. Johnson

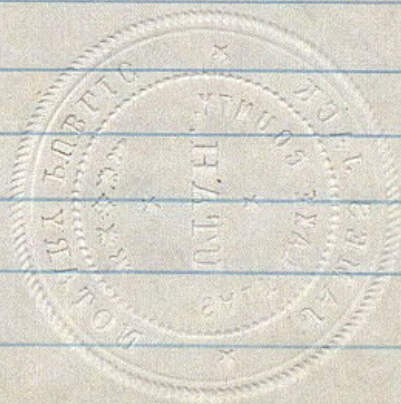
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County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this fourth day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a notary public in and for said county Benjamin F. Johnson who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath deposeth and saith that the foregoing statements and testimony by him made and given are true and correct.

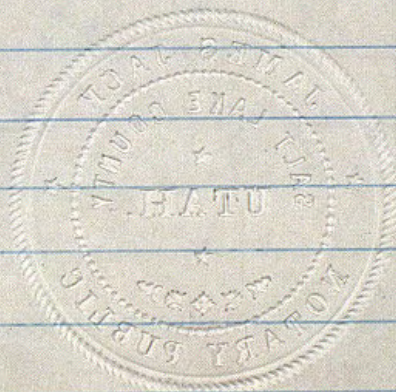
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Said B. F. Johnson the day & year above written }

James Jack  
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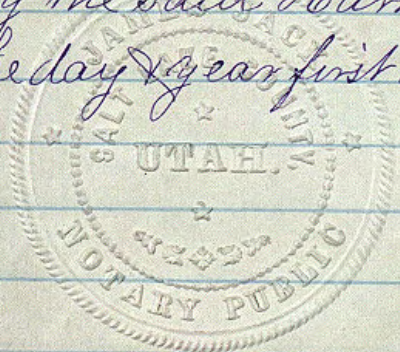


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On this fourth day of March A.D. 1870  
 personally appeared before me, James  
 Jack, a Notary Public, in and for said cou-  
 nty, Harriet Cook Young who was by me  
 Sworn in due form of law, and upon her  
 oath deposeeth and saith, that on the second  
 day of November, A.D. 1843. in the City of  
 Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, she  
 was married to President Brigham Young  
 by the Prophet Joseph Smith, for time  
 and eternity, in the presence of Mary  
 Ann Young, Fanny Murray Smith, and  
 Augusta Adams Young.

Harriet Cook Young

Subscribed and sworn to  
 by the said Harriet Cook Young  
 the day & year first above written



James Jack  
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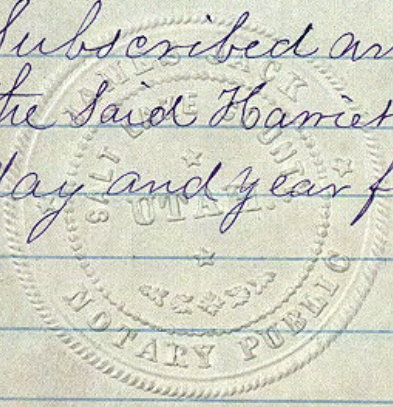
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 Harriet Cook Young, who was by me sworn  
 in due form of law, and upon her oath  
 saith, that on the second day of Novem-  
 ber A. D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, Han-  
 cock Co. State of Illinois, she was present  
 and witnessed the marrying or sealing  
 of Fanny Murray to President Joseph  
 Smith, for time and eternity, by  
 President Brigham Young; Mary Ann  
 Young, and Augusta Adams Young  
 being present.

Harriet Cook Young

Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Harriet Cook Young the }  
 day and year first above written }

James Jack  
 Notary Public





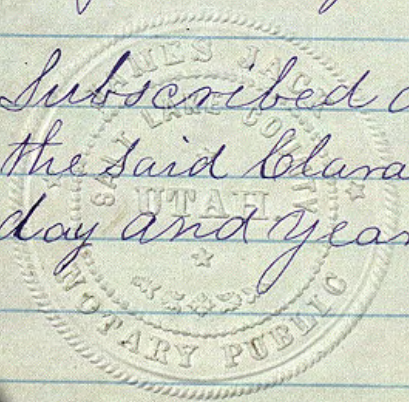
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on this fourth day of March A.D. 1870,  
 personally appeared before me, James Jack,  
 a Notary Public, in and for said County  
 Clara Decker Young, who was by me  
 sworn in due form of law and upon her  
 oath deposed and saith, that on the  
 eighth day of May A. D. 1844, in the  
 City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Min-  
 -ois, She was married or sealed for  
 time and eternity to President Brig-  
 -ham Young, by Elder Willard Richards,  
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 Joseph Smith, and in the presence of Elders  
 Lorenzo D. Young, Harriet P. Young &  
 Lucy Ann Young.

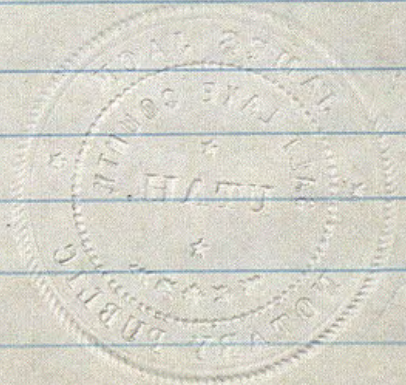
Clara Decker Young

Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Clara D. Young the  
 day and year first above written }

James Jack  
 Notary Public



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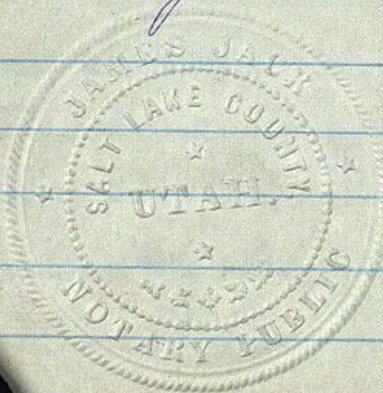


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 County of Salt Lake }

On this Seventh day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County Joseph C. Kingsbury who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon his oath deposeth and saith, that on or about the Fifteenth day of July A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, he wrote the Revelation on Celestial or plural marriage from the mouth of Bishop Newel K. Whitney as he read from the original, which was in his possession just previous to its reported destruction by Emma Smith. and that the same, as published in the Deseret News Extra of September fourteenth 1852 is a true copy of the original. Joseph C. Kingsbury

Subscribed and Sworn to by the said  
 Jos. C. Kingsbury the day and year first  
 above written.

James Jack  
 Notary Public



## Testimony of Lorenzo Snow

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In the month of April 1843 I returned from my European Mission, a few days after my arrival at Nauvoo, when at President Joseph Smith's house, he said he wished to have some private talk with me, and requested me to walk out with him; It was toward evening, we walked a little distance and sat down on a large log that lay near the bank of the river; He there and then explained to me the doctrine of plurality of wives. He said ~~said~~ that the Lord had revealed it unto him, and commanded him to have women sealed to him as wives, — that he foresaw the trouble that would follow, and sought to turn away from the Commandment — that an Angel from Heaven appeared before him with a drawn sword, threatening him with destruction unless he went forward and obeyed the Commandment.

He further said that my sister Eliza R. Snow had been sealed to him as his wife for time and eternity. He told me

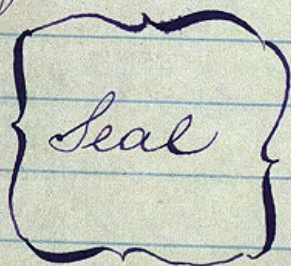
that the Lord would open the way, and I should have women sealed to me as wives.

This conversation was prolonged, I think one hour or more, in which he told me many important things.

I solemnly declare before God and holy Angels, and as I hope to come forth in the morning of the Resurrection, that the above statement is true (signed) Lorenzo Snow

Territory of Utah } ss.  
Box Elder County }

Personally came before me J. C. Wright, clerk of the county and Probate courts in and for the County and Territory aforesaid, Lorenzo Snow, and who being duly sworn deposeth and says, that the foregoing statement by him subscribed is true of his own certain knowledge.



Witness my hand and Seal of Court  
at my office in Brigham City, Box Elder  
County Utah Territory this 28th day of August  
A.D. 1869. J. C. Wright, Clerk

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## Statement and Affidavit of C. Merkley

I called upon Zenas H. Gurley at Hendersonville, Knox Co. Illinois, in November 1860 and spent and spent several days with him. He told me that after the church left Nauvoo, he joined J. J. Strang, and continued with him until he was satisfied that Strang was an impostor.

He then started out preaching upon his own responsibility, which he continued for several years, frequently sending deputations to Joseph Smith, Son of the Prophet, to induce him to come forth and assume the leadership of the church which he had raised up. But Joseph refused until 1860, when by the persuasions of William Marks and others who had joined Gurley, he came forward and was ordained President of the High-Priesthood by the said Z. H. Gurley, who had never been more than a Seventy.

Again in 1864 while on business to Canada I called on Z. H. Gurley, when the following conversation occurred. I asked him if he "believed that Joseph Smith was a fallen

Prophet." He answered "No, he died a Martyr." "Then what will you do with the Revelation Joseph received on Polygamy?" Gurley:- "he never had it." "Very well, then what will you say about the wives that he had?"

Gurley:- I do not know that he had any."

"Ah! Gurley you do know, for how many times have you and I talked together about Sister Emma's raising the devil with Joseph about his wives?" Mr. Gurley's wife then spoke up and said, "He does know, bro. Merkle, and he lies when he says he does not!" I then said, "Bro Gurley, what did you do with your other wife?" he replied, "I never had one." "Well", said I, "I did not know that, but I do know that you expected to get another about the time I left Nauvoo, for you told me so."

(Signed) C. Merkle

Territory of Utah }  
County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this third day of August A.D. 1869 personally

appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary  
Public in and for said County, Christopher  
Merkley, who was by me sworn in due form  
of law and upon his oath saith, that  
the foregoing Statements, by him made, are  
true and correct, of his own certain knowledge  
(Signed) C. Merkley



Subscribed and sworn to by the said  
C. Merkley this third day of August  
A. D. 1869-

(Signed) James Jack  
Notary Public

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Dear and beloved brother  
and Sister Whitney &c.

I take this opportunity to communicate some of my feelings privately at this time, which I want you three eternally to keep in your own bosoms, for my feelings are so strong for you since what has passed lately between us, that the time of my absence from you seems so long and dreary, that it seems as if I could not live long in this way; And if you three would come and see me in this my lonely retreat, it would afford me great relief of mind.

If those with whom I am allied do love me now is the time to afford me succour in the days of exile, for you know I foretold you of these things.

I am now at Carlos Graingers, just back of brother Hyrum's farm, it is only one mile from town, the nights are very pleasant indeed, all three of you can

come and see me in the fore part of the night, let bro. Whitney come a little ahead and knock at the South east corner of the house at the window, it is next to the cornfield: I have a room entirely by myself, the whole matter can be attended to with most perfect safety.

I know it is the will of God that you that you should comfort me now in this time of affliction, or not at all, now is the time or never; but I have no need of saying any such thing to you, for I know the goodness of your hearts, and that you will do the will of the Lord when it is made known to you.

The only thing to be careful of is to find out when Emma comes, then you cannot be safe, but when she is not here there is the most perfect safety, only be careful to escape observation as much as possible.

I know it is a heroic undertaking but so much the greater friendship and the more joy.

When I see you I will tell you all my plans, I cannot write them on paper.

Burn this letter as soon as you read it.

Keep all locked up in your breasts, my life depends upon it.

One thing I want to see you for is to get the fullness of my blessing sealed upon our heads &c.

You will pardon me for my earnestness on this subject, when you consider how lonesome I must be, your good feelings know how to make any allowance for me.

I close my letter.

I think Emma won't come to night, if she don't, don't fail to come to night.

I subscribe myself your most obedient and affectionate companion and friend.

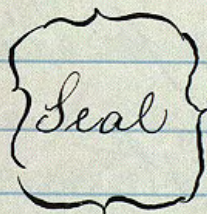
Joseph Smith

Territory of Utah }  
County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it known that on this

thirteenth day of August A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said county Elizabeth Ann Whitney and Sarah Ann Smith (Kimball) who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon their oath say that the foregoing is a true copy of a letter written at Carlos Graingers by President Joseph Smith, dated, Nauvoo August 18th. 1842. to Newel K. and Elizabeth Ann Whitney and their daughter Sarah Ann Smith, who was married or sealed to President Smith, July 27- 1842. And further that they have this day deposited said letter in the Historian's Office in the county and city of Salt Lake.

Signed { Elizabeth Ann Whitney  
Sarah Ann Smith (Kimball)



Subscribed and sworn to by  
the said Elizabeth Ann Whitney  
and Sarah Ann Smith (Kimball)  
on this thirteenth day of Aug. 1869

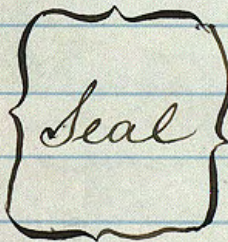
James Jack  
Notary Public



Territory of Utah } ss.  
 County of Millard }

Be it remembered that on this first day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge, in and for said county, Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that sometime in the year 1843 in the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was witness to the marriage or sealing of Lucy Walker to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by William Clayton, a high Priest in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage.

(Signed) Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman



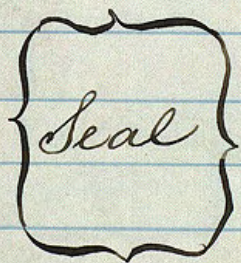
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 said Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman  
 the day and year first above written }

Edward Partridge  
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Territory of Utah } ss.  
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Be it remembered that on this the first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge, in and for said county, Eliza Maria (Partridge) — Lyman who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith, that on the eighth day of March A.D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock State of Illinois she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Heber C. Kimball, one of the Twelve Apostles in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Orson Hyde.

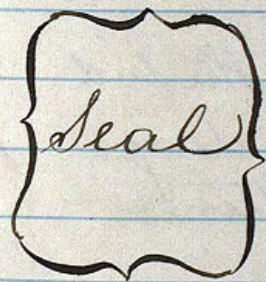


(Signed) Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman  
 Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman the  
 day and year first above written }  
 Edward Partridge  
 Probate Judge

Territory of Utah } ss.  
 County of Millard }

Be it remembered that on this first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Edward Partridge, Probate Judge in and for said County Eliza Maria (P) Lyman who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith, that on the eleventh day of May A.D. 1843, at the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by James Adams a high-Priest in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Emma (Hale) Smith and Emily Saw Partridge.

(Signed) Eliza Maria (P) Lyman

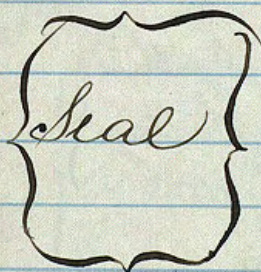


Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Eliza Maria (P) Lyman the day  
 and year first above written }

Edward Partridge  
 Probate Judge

Territory of Utah }  
 County of Millard } ss.

Be it remembered that on this first day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge in and for said County Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the eleventh day of May A. D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was a witness to the marriage or sealing of Emily Dow Partridge to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by James Adams, a high-Priest in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; Emma Smith being present. (Signed) Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman



Subscribed and sworn to by the said Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman the day and year first above written

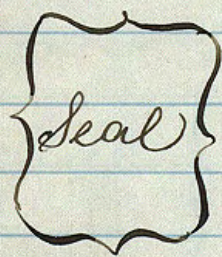
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Be it remembered that on this eighth day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge, in and for said County, Martha M<sup>c</sup>Bride Kimball who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that sometime in the Summer of the year 1842 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Heber C. Kimball, one of the Twelve Apostles in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage.

(Signed) Martha M<sup>c</sup>Bride Kimball



Subscribed and sworn to by the said }  
 Martha M<sup>c</sup>Bride Kimball the day }  
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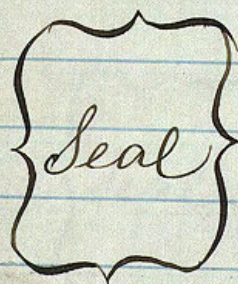
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Territory of Utah }  
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Be it remembered that on this third day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Hiram Winters, a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Mary Ann Pratt who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the twenty-fourth day of July A.D. 1843, at the city of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois she was married or sealed to Parley P. Pratt for time and eternity, by President Hyrum Smith, in the presence of Mary Ann Young and Elizabeth Brotherton.

(Signed) Mary Ann Pratt



Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Mary Ann Pratt the day  
 and year first above written }

Hiram Winters  
 Justice of the Peace

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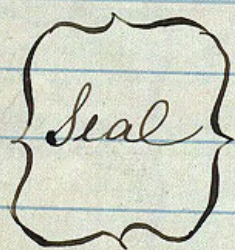
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Territory of Utah }  
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 (Signed) Mary Ann Pratt,



Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Mary Ann Pratt the day  
 and year first above writting }

Hiram Winters  
 Justice of the Peace

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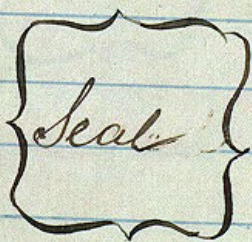
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Territory of Utah }  
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Be it remembered that on this fifth day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me David Crockett, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Adeline Brooks Andrus Benson, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith, that on the twenty-seventh day of April A.D. 1844 in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Ezra T. Benson, for time and all eternity (he already having one wife) by President Hyrum Smith, in the presence of Pamela Andrus Benson. and also that she witnessed the sealing of her sister Pamela, to Ezra T. Benson Nov. 19. 1843.

(Signed) Adeline B. A. Benson



Subscribed and sworn to by the }  
 said Adeline B. A. Benson the day }  
 and year first above written }

David Crockett  
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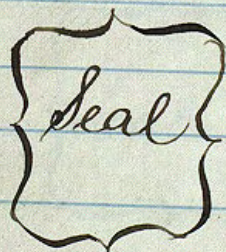
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Territory of Utah }  
 County of Cache } ss.

Be it remembered that on this Sixth day of September A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, David Crockett, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Pamela Andrus Benson who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the nineteenth day of November A. D. 1843 she was married or sealed to Ezra T. Benson, for time and all eternity by Hiram Smith, in the presence of Adeline B. Andrus, her sister, which was done in the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock State of Illinois, and further, on the twenty-seventh day of April A. D. 1844 at the same place, she was present and witnessed the marrying or sealing of her sister Adeline to her husband E. T. Benson by President Hiram Smith

(Signed) Pamela A. Benson



Subscribed and sworn to by the said  
 Pamela Andrus Benson the day  
 and year first above written }

David Crockett  
 Justice of the Peace

# Testimony of Orson Hyde

Springtown, Sept<sup>r</sup> 15, 1869.

I, Orson Hyde, do hereby certify and declare according to my best recollection, that on the fourth day of September, I was married to Miss Maria A. Johnson, in Kirtland Ohio, in the year of our Lord 1834. And in the month of February or March (1843) I was married to Miss Martha R. Browitt, by Joseph Smith the Martyred Prophet and by him she was sealed to me for all eternity, in Nauvoo Illinois; and in the month of April of the same year, 1843, I was married by the same person to Mrs. Mary Ann Price, and by him she was sealed to me for time and for all eternity, in Nauvoo Illinois while the woman to whom I was first married was yet living and gave her cordial consent to both transactions, and was personally present to witness the ceremonies.

(Signed) Orson Hyde

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this

fifteenth day of September A.D. 1869 at Spring-  
town, San Pete County Utah Territory

(Signed) George Brough  
Justice of Peace

I hereby certify that the above named George  
Brough is a Justice of the Peace for the  
precinct of Springtown in the County of  
San Pete Utah Territory, and that he is  
duly qualified in accordance with  
law; in testimony whereof I herunto  
set my hand and affix the seal  
of the County Court of San Pete Co.  
Utah Territory, at my Office, Manti-  
city, this September 16th. A.D. 1869.

Seal

(Signed) William T. Reid  
County Clerk

Salt Lake City

Oct. 10th. 1869

We hereby jointly and severally certify that on the twelfth day of August A.D. 1843 — Hyrum Smith presented to the High Council in his brick office at Nauvoo assembled, the Revelation on Celestial marriage, given to Joseph Smith, and written on the twelfth day of July 1843. and that the teaching of Hyrum Smith referred to in the minutes of the Council on said twelfth day of August 1843 was on the subject of said Revelation, endorsing the same and enjoining it on the Council;

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our names this 10th. day of Oct. 1869

David Fullmer

Thos. Groves

Aaron Johnson

James <sup>hid</sup> Allredattest Jas. F. Smith <sup>mark</sup>

Territory of Utah } ss.  
County of Salt Lake }

Personally appeared before me

Jacob G. Bigler Probate Judge for Juab  
County, Territory aforesaid, David Fullmer,  
Thomas Grover, and Aaron Johnson who  
were by me sworn in due form of law,  
and upon their oath say that the foregoing  
Statement by them made and signed, is  
true

David Fullmer  
Thos. Grover  
Aaron Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
said David Fullmer, Thomas Grover  
and Aaron Johnson this tenth day  
of October A.D. eighteen hundred and  
sixty nine.

Jacob G. Bigler

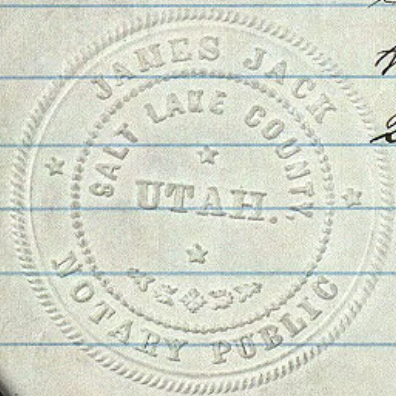
Probate Judge



Territory of Utah } ss.  
 County of Salt Lake }

Personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for said county, on this twenty-third day of April A. D. 1870, Jacob Peart Sen. who was by me duly sworn and upon his oath saith that on or about the 4th day of June 1841, his wife Elizabeth Holden died in Nauvoo, and that in November 1843 Phebe Thompson was sealed to him for time, and Elizabeth Holden, deceased, was sealed to him for time and all eternity, Phebe Thompson acting for the deceased, by President Hyrum Smith, in the presence of his wife Mary Smith

Jacob Peart Sen  
 Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Jacob Peart Sen. this  
 23rd day of April A. D. 1870.



James Jack  
 Notary Public

State of Utah }  
County of Salt Lake } ss

Bathsiba W. Smith, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

I was a resident of Nauvoo, State of Illinois from 1840 to 1846. I was married to George A. Smith, July 25, 1841, Elder Don Carlos Smith performing the ceremony. Near the close of the year 1843, or in the beginning of the year 1844, I received the ordinance of Anointing in a room in Sister Emma Smith's house, in Nauvoo, and the same day, in company with my husband, I received my endowments in the lodge room over the Prophet Joseph Smith's store. The endowments were given under the direction of the Prophet Joseph Smith, who afterwards gave us lectures, or instructions, in regard to the endowment Ceremonies.

There has been no change to my certain knowledge in those ceremonies. They are the same today as they were then. A short time after I received my Anointings I was sealed to my husband, George A. Smith, for time and for eternity, by President Brigham Young, in the latter's house, according to the plan taught, to my knowledge, by the Prophet Joseph Smith. When I was married in 1841, I was married for time, and not for eternity. At the time I was anointed in Sister Emma Smith's house, she (Emma Smith) said in my presence, to me and to others who were also present upon that occasion: "Your husbands are going to take more wives, and if you don't consent to it, you must put your foot down and keep it there." Much more was said in regard to plural marriage

at that time by Sister Emma Smith, who seemed opposed to the principle. In the year 1840, at a meeting held in Nauvoo, at which I was present, I heard the Prophet Joseph Smith say that the ancient order would be restored as it was in the days of Abraham. In the Year 1844, a short time before the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, it was my privilege to attend a regular prayer circle meeting in the lodge room over the Prophet's store. There were present at this meeting most of the Twelve Apostles, their wives and a number of other prominent brethren and their wives. On that occasion the Prophet arose and spoke at great length, and during his remarks I heard him say that he had conferred on the heads of the Twelve Apostles all the keys and powers pertaining to

the Priesthood, and that upon the heads of the Twelve Apostles the burden of the Kingdom rested and they would have to carry it.

It has been, and is, necessary for me to make this statement, as contrary reports have been circulated as coming from me. Any statements purporting to come from me, that have been made by any persons or parties, in opposition, or conflicting with this, my sworn statement, are false, as I have never to my knowledge deviated one iota from this statement.

Bathsheba W. Smith

Signed in the presence of

Jos. F. Smith Jr.

J. F. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this <sup>19th</sup> day of November A.D. 1903.

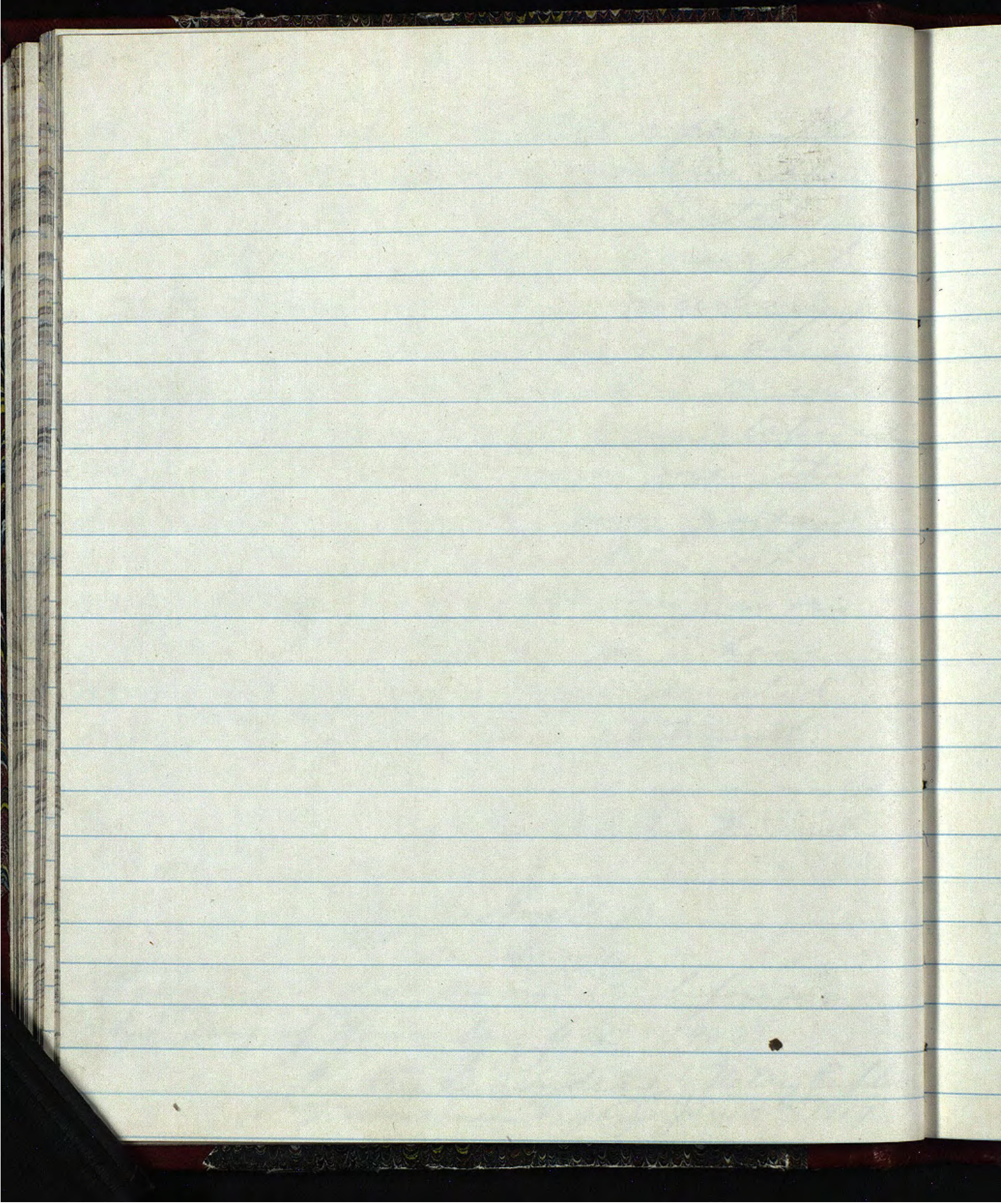
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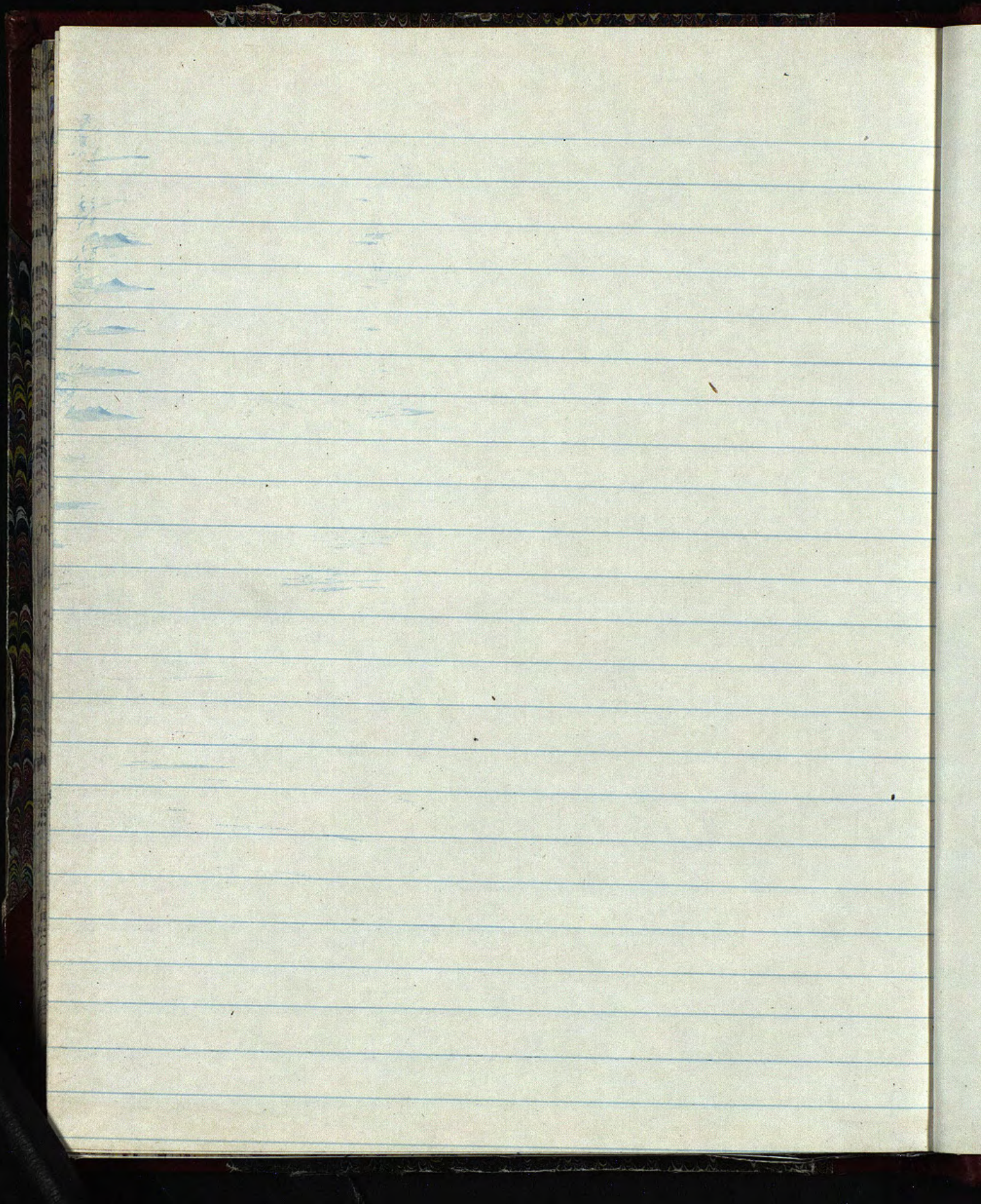
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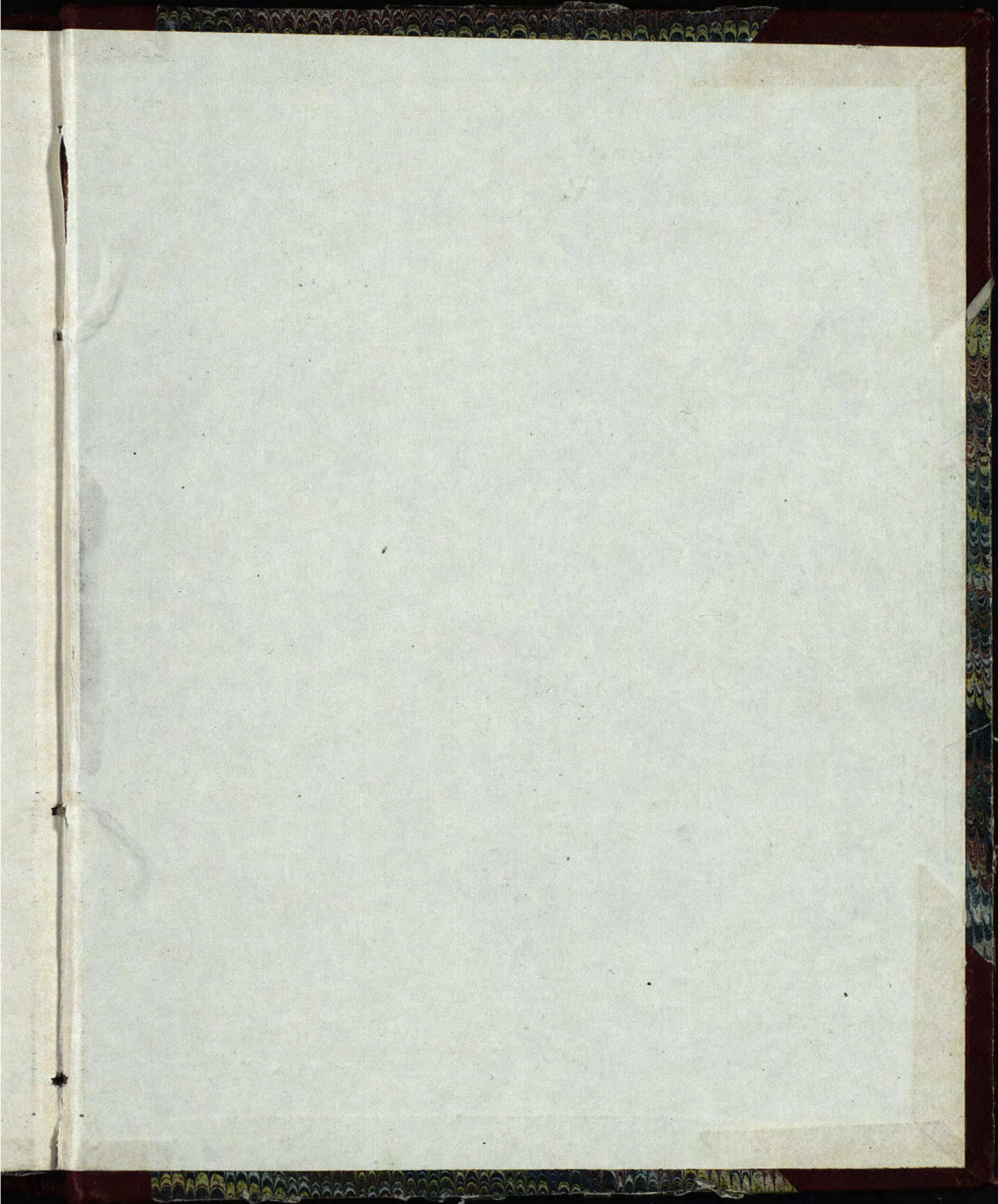


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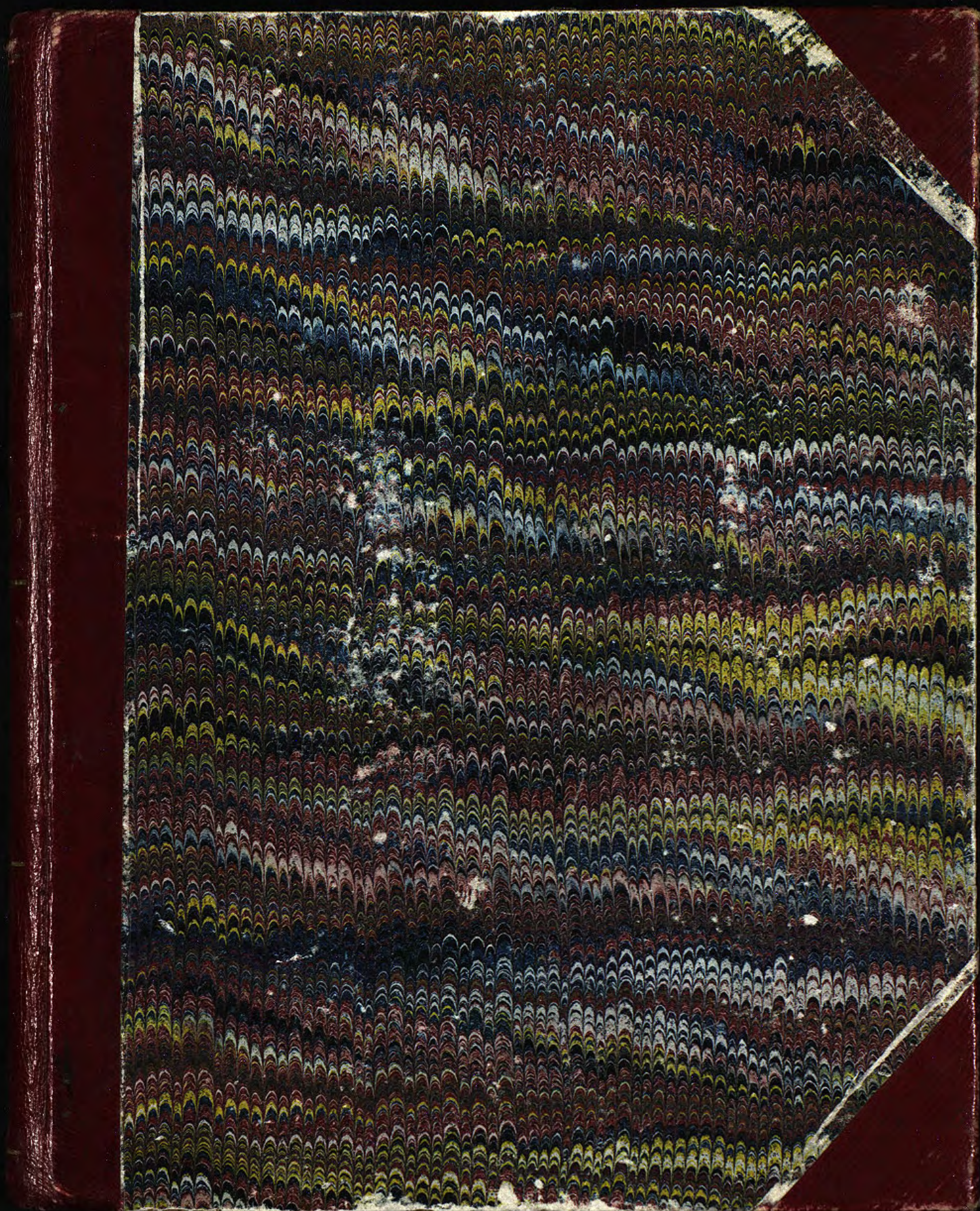




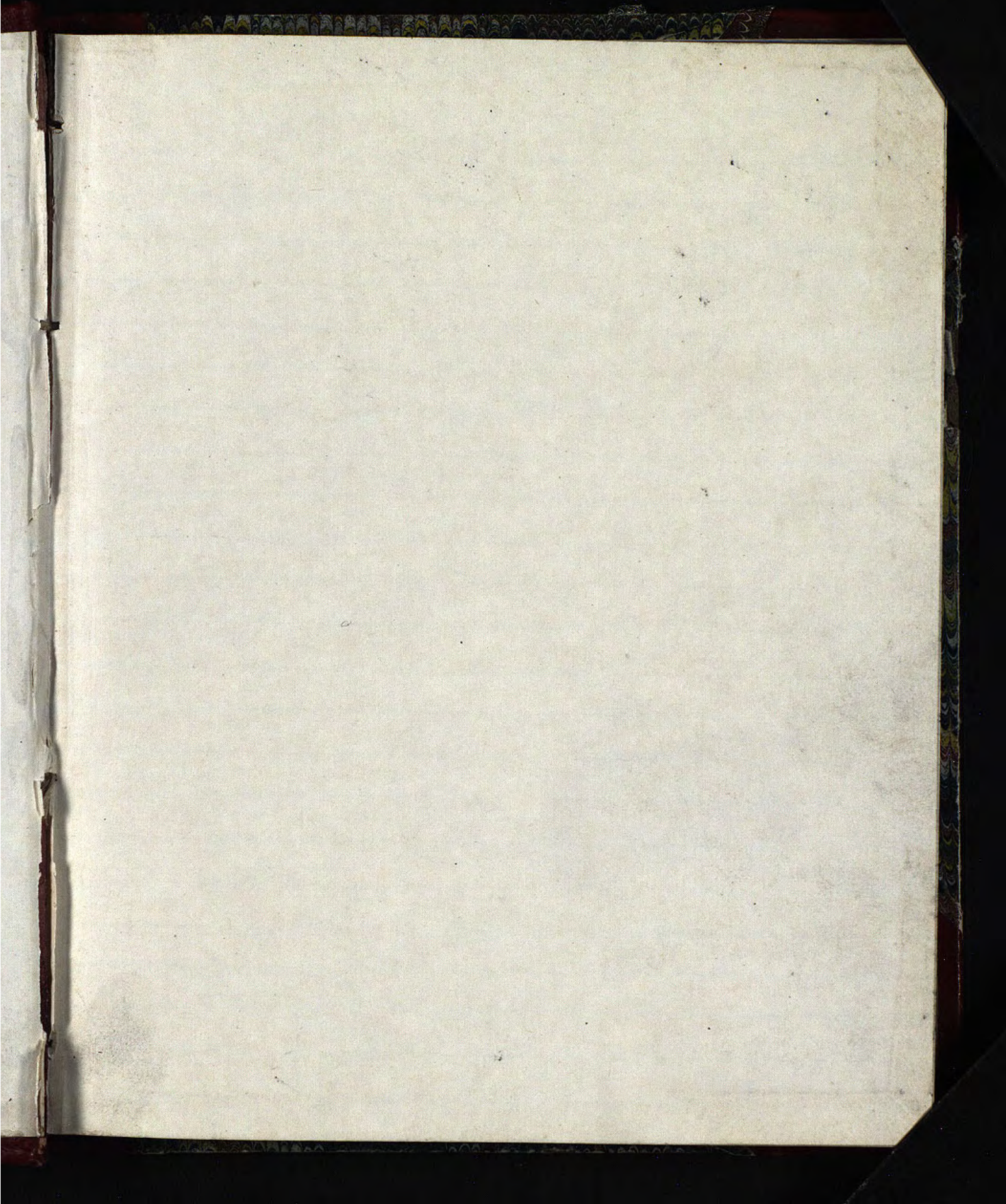
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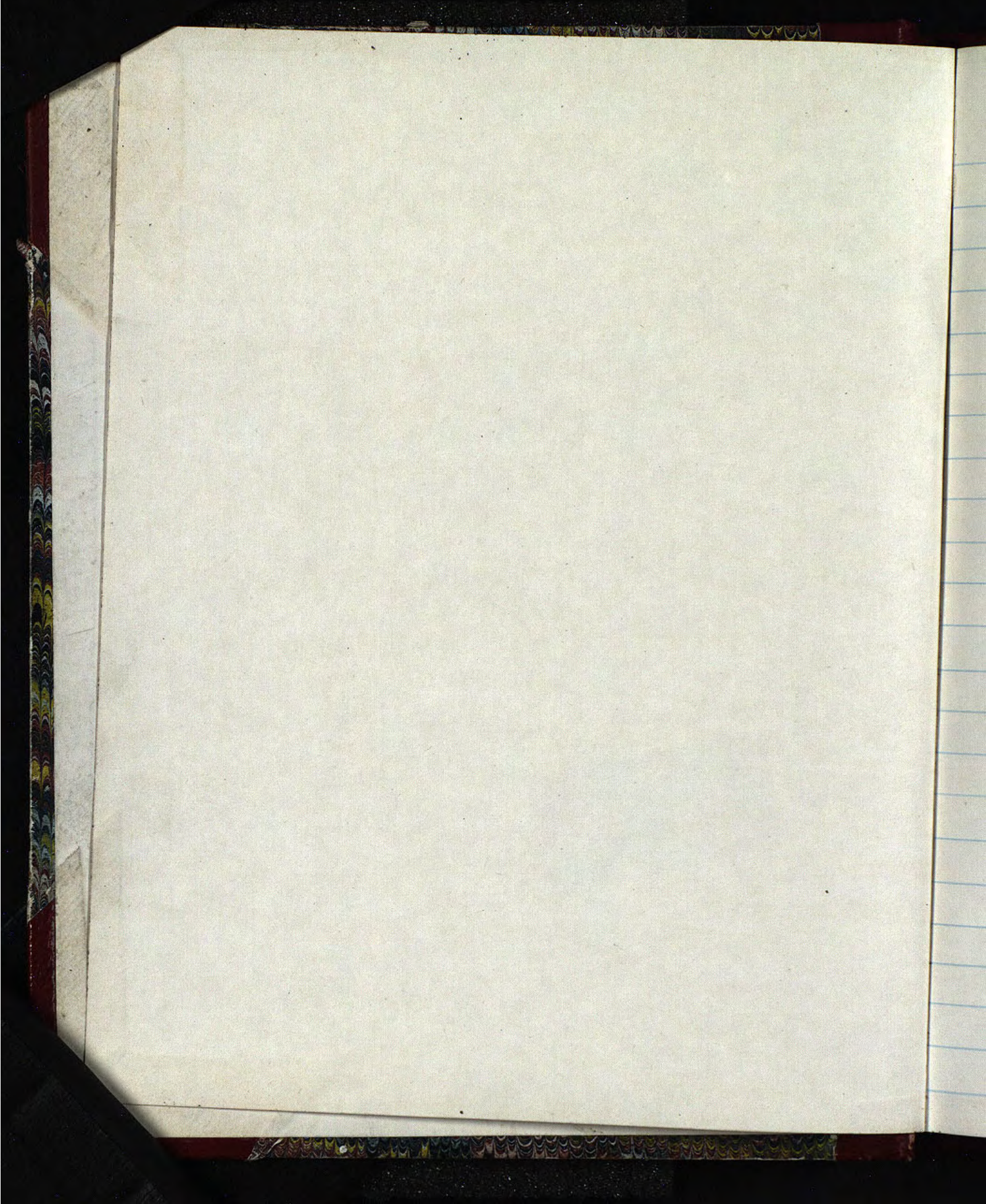
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## Testimony of Benjamin F. Johnson

On the first day of April A. D. eighteen-hundred and forty-three (1843) President Joseph Smith, Orson Hyde and William Clayton and others came from Nauvoo to my residence in Macedonia or Ramus, in Hancock Co. Illinois, and were joyfully welcomed by myself and family as our guests.

On the following morning, Sunday April second, President Smith took me by the arm for a walk, leading the way to a secluded spot within an adjacent grove, where to my great surprise, he commenced to open up to me the principle of plural or Celestial marriage, but I was more astonished by his asking me for my sister Almera to be his wife.

I sincerely believed him to be a prophet of God, and I loved him as such, and also for the many evidences of his kindness to me, yet such was the force of my education, and the scorn that I felt

towards anything unvirtuous, that under the first impulse of my feelings, I looked him calmly but firmly in the face and told him that, "I had always believed him to be a good man, and wished to believe it still, and would try to:" and that, "I would take for him a message to my sister, and if the doctrine was true, all would be well, but if I should afterwards learn that it was offered to insult or prostitute my sister, I would take his life," with a smile he replied, "Benjamin, you will never see that day, but you shall live to know that it is true, and rejoice in it."

He wished me to see my sister and talk to her, - I told him I did not know what I could say to convince her, he replied, "when you open your mouth, you shall be able to comprehend and you shall not want for evidence nor words." He also told me that

he would preach a sermon that day for me, which I would understand, while the rest of the congregation would not comprehend his meaning. His subject was the ten talents spoken of by the Saviour, "unto him that hath shall be given and he shall have abundantly, but from him that hath not (or will not receive) shall be taken away that which he hath, (or might have had)" plainly giving me to understand that the talents represented wives and children as the principle of enlargement throughout the great future, to those who were heirs of Salvation.

I called my sister to private audience and with fear and trembling, and feelings that I cannot express commenced to open the subject to her, when, just as he had promised, the light of the Lord shone upon my understanding and my tongue was loosed, and I at least was convinced of the truth of

what I was attempting to teach.

My sister received my testimony, and in a short time afterwards consented to become the wife of Pres. Smith

Subsequent to this I took her to the city of Nauvoo, where she was married or sealed for time and eternity to President Joseph Smith, by his brother Hyrum, in the presence of myself, and Louisa Beman who told me she had also been sealed or married to the Prophet Joseph, - this was at the residence of my sister, the widow of Lyman R. Sherman, who also was a witness.

After a short period, President Smith and company, viz. George Miller, William Clayton, J. M. Smith and Eliza and Lydia Partridge, (who were the wives of the Prophet) came again to Macedonia (Ramus) where he remained two days, lodging at my house with my sister, as man and wife, (and to my certain knowledge he occupied the same bed with her.)

This visit was on the sixteenth and

Seventeenth of May, eighteen-hundred-and forty-three, returning to Nauvoo on the eighteenth. Again on the nineteenth day of October, the same year, President Smith made us another visit at Macedonia, and remained till the twenty-first; he was accompanied by William Clayton, at this time (Oct. 20) he sealed my first wife to me for time and all eternity. He visited us at other times and introduced ladies who accompanied him, as his wives, I think Lucy Walker was one of them.

President Smith also asked me for my Sister Esther, but I told him I thought she was engaged to be married to David T. Le Baron, but that he was free to take Mary Ann Hale, an orphan girl whom my mother had raised, and who was then living with me, he said "no. she is not for me, but it is right for you to take her yourself for a wife, and if your Sister Esther is engaged to be married, it is all right" and in the presence of my —

family he talked to her on the subject, but as I had suspected, she was promised to be married.

He also visited my Mother at her residence in Macedonia, and taught her in my presence and hearing the doctrine of celestial marriage, declaring that an Angel appeared unto him with a drawn sword, threatening to slay him if he did not proceed to fulfill the law that had been given to him.

He also counselled my mother to be sealed to his uncle, Father John Smith, to which she consented, and to my certain knowledge was sealed to him subsequently, by the Prophet.

Previous to this I had commenced preparations to build me a brick house in Macedonia, President Smith proposed, as my sister was now his wife, to furnish means to enlarge the building, and we would own and occupy it jointly, this plan was being carried out at

the time of his death.

After the death of the Prophet, I told President Brigham Young, what he had said to me relative to my taking Mary Ann Hale to wife, he said it was right, and authorized Father John Smith to seal her to me, which he did on the fourteenth of November A.D. 1844.

Benja. F. Johnson

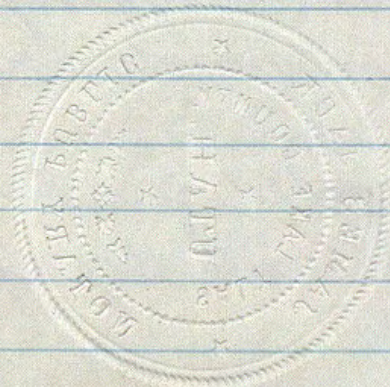
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Be it remembered that on this fourth day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a notary public in and for said county, Benjamin F. Johnson, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath deposeth and saith, that the forgoing statements and testimony by him made and given are true and correct,

Subscribed and sworn to by the said } B. F. Johnson  
B. F. Johnson, the day and year above written }

James Jack  
Notary Public

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Territory of Utah }  
 County of Salt Lake } ss.

On this fourth day of March A.D. 1870,  
 personally appeared before me James  
 Jack a Notary Public, in and for said County,  
 Harriet Cook Young, who was sworn, by me,  
 in due form of law, and upon her oath  
 deposeth and saith, that on the second  
 day of November A.D. 1843, at the City  
 of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, she  
 was married or sealed, for time and eternity  
 to President Brigham Young, by the propri-  
 et Joseph Smith, in the presence of  
 Mary Ann Young, Fanny Murray Smith  
 and Augusta Adams Young.

Harriet Cook Young  
 Subscribed and Sworn to by }  
 the said Harriet Cook Young the }  
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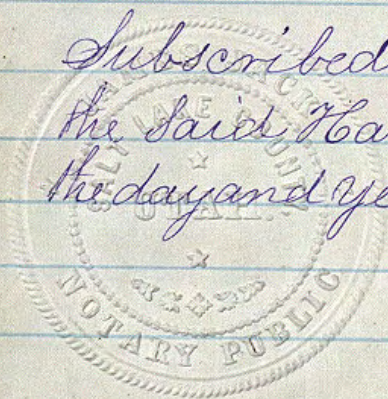
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 Harriet Cook Young, who was by me sworn  
 in due form of law, and upon her oath  
 deposeth and saith, that on the second  
 day of November A.D. 1843, at the City of  
 Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, she  
 was present and witnessed the marrying  
 or sealing of Fanny Murray to President  
 Joseph Smith, for time and eternity, by  
 President Brigham Young; Mary Ann  
 Young, and Augusta Adams Young,  
 being present.

Harriet Cook Young

Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Harriet Cook Young }  
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James Jack  
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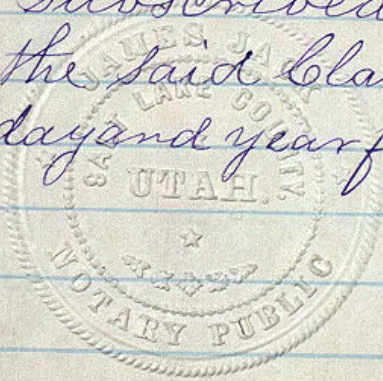
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On this fourth day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for said County, Clara Decker Young, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath deposed and saith, that on the eighth day of May A.D. 1844, in the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, she was married or sealed for time and eternity to Pres.

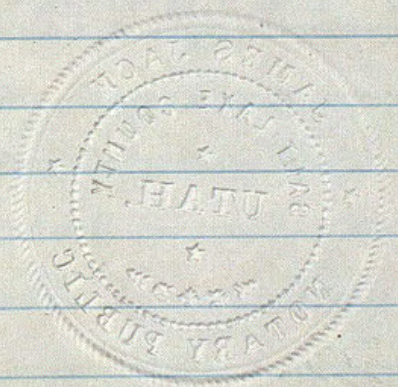
Brigham Young, by Elder Willard Richards, one of the Twelve. by sanction of President Joseph Smith, and in the presence of Elder Lorenzo D. Young, his wife, Harriet P. Young, and Lucy Ann Young.

Clara Decker Young

Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Clara D. Young the  
 day and year first above written



James Jack  
 Notary Public



Territory of Utah }  
 County of Salt Lake } ss.

On this Seventh day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Joseph C. Kingsbury, who was by me duly sworn, and upon his oath deposeth and saith, that on or about the Fifteenth of July A.D. 1843, at the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, he wrote the Revelation on celestial or plural marriage from the mouth of Bishop Newel K. Whitney as he read from the original, which was in his possession, just previous to its reported destruction by Emma Smith. and that the same, as published in the Desert News Extra of September fourteenth, 1852 is a true copy of the original.

J. C. Kingsbury  
 Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Joseph C. Kingsbury the day  
 and year first above written

James Jack  
 Notary Public.



## Testimony of Lorenzo Snow

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In the month of April 1843 I returned from my European mission, a few days after my arrival at Nauvoo, when at President Joseph Smith's house, he said he wished to have some private talk with me, and requested me to walk out with him; It was toward evening, we walked a little distance and sat down on a large log that lay near the bank of the river; He then and then explained to me the doctrine of plurality of wives, He said that the Lord had revealed it unto him, and commanded him to have women sealed to him as wives, - that he foresaw the trouble that would follow, and sought to turn away from the Commandment. - That an Angel from Heaven then appeared before him with a drawn sword threatening him with destruction unless he went forward and obeyed the Commandment.

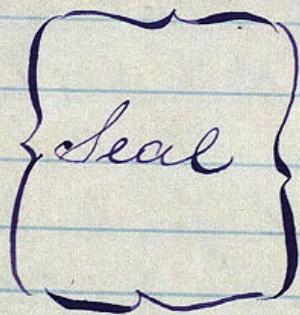
He further said that my Sister Eliza R. Snow had been sealed to him as his wife for time and eternity. He told me that the Lord would open the way and I should have women sealed to me as wives. This conversation was prolonged I think one hour or more, in which he

told me many important things.

I solemnly declare before God and Holy Angels, and as I hope to come forth in the morning of the Resurrection that the above statement is true.

(Signed) Lorenzo Snow  
Territory of Utah }  
Box Elder County } ss.

Personally came before me J. C. Wright, clerk of the County and Probate Courts in and for the said County and Territory - aforesaid, Lorenzo Snow, and who being duly sworn deposeeth and says that the foregoing statement, by him subscribed is true of his own certain knowledge.



Witness my hand and seal of court, at my office in Brigham City, Box Elder County Utah Territory this 28th day of August A.D. 1869.

J. C. Wright, Clerk

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Statement and Affidavit of C. Merkley

I called upon Zenos H. Gurley at Hendersonville, Knox Co. Illinois in November 1860 and spent several days with him. He told me that after the church left Nauvoo, he joined J. J. Strang, and continued with him until he was satisfied that Strang was an impostor. He then started out preaching upon his own responsibility, which he continued for several years, frequently sending deputations to Joseph Smith, Son of the Prophet, to induce him to come forth and assume the leadership of the church which he had raised up. But Joseph refused until 1860, when by the persuasions of William Marks and others who had joined Gurley, he came forward and was ordained President of the High Priesthood, by the said Z. H. Gurley who had never been more than a Seventy.

Again in 1864 while on business to Canada, I called on Z. H. Gurley when the following conversation occurred. I asked him if he "believed that Joseph Smith was a fallen

Prophet;" he answered, "no, he died a martyr." "Then what will you do with the Revelation Joseph received on Polygamy?"

Gurley:- "he never had it." "Very well, then what will you say about the wives that he had?"

Gurley:- "I do not know that he had any."

"Ah! Gurley, you do know, for how many times have you and I talked together about Sister Emma's raising the devil with Joseph about his wives?" Mr. Gurley's wife then spoke up and said, "He does know, bro. Merkley, and he lies when he says he does not!" I then said, "Bro, Gurley, what did you do with your other wife?" he replied "I never had one." "Well", said I, "I did not know that, but I do know that you expected to get another about the time I left Nauvoo, for you told me so." (Signed) C. Merkley.

Territory of Utah } ss.  
County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this third day of August A. D. 1869, personally

appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public  
in and for said county, Christopher Merkley,  
who was by me sworn in due form of law, and  
upon his oath saith, that the foregoing state-  
ments by him made, are true and correct.

(Signed) C. Merkley

Subscribed and sworn to by the said C.  
Merkley, this 3rd day of August A.D. 1869

(Signed) James Jack  
Notary Public



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Nauvoo August 18th. 1842

Dear and beloved Brother and Sister,  
Whitney &c.

I take this opportunity to communicate some of my feelings privately at this time, which I want you three eternally to keep in your own bosoms, for my feelings are so strong for you since what has passed lately between us, that the time of my absence from you seems so long and dreary that it seems as if I could not live long in this way: and if you three would come and see me in this my lonely retreat it would afford me great relief of mind.

If those with whom I am allied do love me now is the time to afford me succour in the days of exile, for you know I foretold you of these things.

I am now at Carlos Grangers just back of brother Hygums' farm, it is only one mile from town, the nights are

very pleasant indeed, all three of you  
 can come and see me in the fore-part of  
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 little ahead and knock at the south-  
 east corner of the house at the window,  
 it is next to the corn-field: I have a room  
 entirely by myself, the whole matter can  
 be attended to with most perfect safety.

I know it is the will of God that you  
 should comfort me now in this time  
 of affliction, or not at all, now is  
 the time or never; but I have no need  
 of saying any such thing to you, for  
 I know the goodness of your hearts,  
 and that you will do the will of the  
 Lord when it is made known to you.

The only thing to be careful of is  
 to find out when Emma comes, then  
 you cannot be safe, but when she  
 is not here there is the most per-  
 -fect safety, only be careful to esc-  
 -ape observation as much as possible.

I know it is a heroic undertaking,

but so much the greater friendship, and the more joy.

When I see you I will tell you all my plans, I cannot write them on paper.

Burn this letter as soon as you read it. Keep all locked up in your breasts, my life depends upon it.

One thing I want to see you for, is to get the fullness of my blessing sealed upon our heads &c.

You will pardon me for my earnestness on this subject, when you consider how lonesome I must be, your good feelings know how to make every allowance for me. I close my letter.

I think Emma won't come to night, if she don't, don't fail to come to night.

I subscribe myself your most obedient and affectionate companion and friend.

Joseph Smith

Territory of Utah }  
County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it known that on

this thirteenth day of August, A.D. 1869,  
 personally appeared before me, James Jack,  
 a Notary Public, in and for said county,  
 Elizabeth Ann Whitney and Sarah Ann  
 Smith (Kimball) who were by me sworn in due  
 form of law, and upon their oath say,  
 that the foregoing is a true copy of a letter  
 written at Carlos Graingers, by President  
 Joseph Smith, dated, Nauvoo August 18th.  
 1842, to Newel K. and Elizabeth Ann Whit-  
 =ney and their daughter Sarah Ann Smith,  
 who was married or sealed to President Joseph  
 Smith July 27th. A.D. 1842. and further that  
 they have this day deposited said letter in the  
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 Salt Lake. Signed } Elizabeth Ann Whitney  
 Sarah Ann Smith (Kimball)

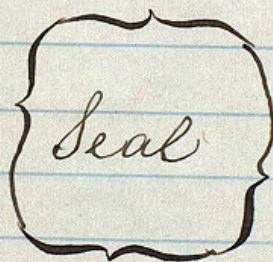
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 Said Elizabeth Ann Whitney and  
 Sarah Ann Smith (Kimball) the day  
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Be it remembered that on this first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge in and for said County, Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that Sometime in the year 1843 in the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was witness to the marriage or sealing of Lucy Walker to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, by William Clayton a high Priest in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage.

(Signed) Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman



Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman }  
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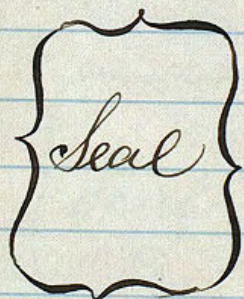
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(Signed) Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman



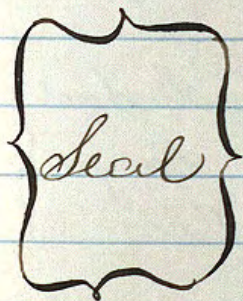
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 day and year first above written }

Edward Partridge  
 Probate Judge

Territory of Utah }  
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Be it remembered that on this first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge in and for said County, Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the eleventh day of May A.D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by James Adams, a high-Priest in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage, in the presence of Emma (Hale) Smith and Emily Dow Partridge.

(Signed) Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman

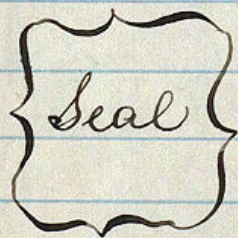


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 Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman the day }  
 and year first above written }

Edward Partridge  
 Probate Judge

Territory of Utah }  
 County of Millard } ss.

Be it remembered that on this first day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Edward Partridge, Probate Judge in and for said county, Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the eleventh day of May A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was witness to the marriage or sealing of Emily Dow Partridge to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by James Adams a high Priest in said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage, Emma Smith being present. (Signed) Eliza Maria (P.) Lyman



Subscribed and sworn to by the said }  
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Edward Partridge  
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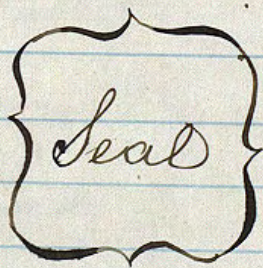
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Be it remembered that on this  
 eight day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared  
 before me Edward Partridge, Probate Judge in  
 and for said county Martha M<sup>c</sup> Bride Kim-  
 ball who was by me sworn in due form of  
 law, and upon her oath saith, that some  
 time in the Summer of the year 1842 at the  
 City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State  
 of Illinois, she was married or sealed to  
 Joseph Smith, President of the Church of  
 Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Heber  
 C. Kimball, one of the Twelve Apostles in  
 said Church, according to the laws of  
 the same regulating marriage.

(Signed) Martha M<sup>c</sup> Bride Kimball.



Subscribed and sworn to by the said  
 Martha M<sup>c</sup> Bride Kimball the day }  
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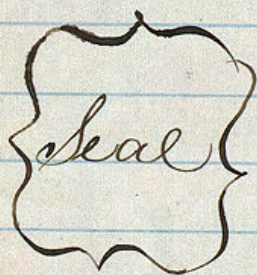
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Be it remembered that on this third day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Hiram Winters, a Justice of the peace in and for said County Mary Ann Pratt, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith that on the twenty-fourth day of July A.D. 1843 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois she was married or sealed to Parley P. Pratt, for time and eternity, by President Hyrum Smith, in the presence of Mary Ann Young and Elizabeth Brotherton.

(Signed) Mary Ann Pratt



Subscribed and sworn to by the said Mary Ann Pratt the day and year first above written }

Hiram Winters  
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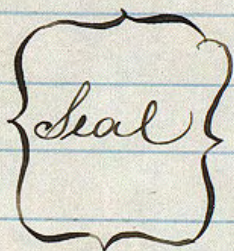
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Be it remembered that on this third day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Hiram Winters a Justice of the Peace in and for said county Mary Ann Pratt, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith that on the twenty-fourth day of July A.D. 1843 at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was present and witnessed the marrying or sealing of Elizabeth Brotherton to Parley P. Pratt for time and eternity, by Hyrum Smith Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the presence of Mary Ann Young.

(Signed) Mary Ann Pratt



Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Mary Ann Pratt the day  
 and year first above written }

Hiram Winters  
 Justice of the Peace

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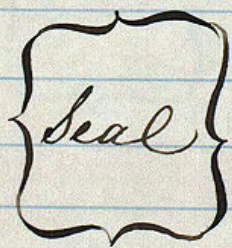
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Be it remembered that on this fifth day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, David Crockett, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Adeline Brooks Andrus Benson, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith, that on the twenty seventh day of April A.D. 1844, in the City of Nauvoo County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Ezra T. Benson for time and all eternity, (he already having one wife) by President Hyrum Smith; in the presence of Pamela Andrus Benson. And also that her sister Pamela was sealed to Ezra T. Benson Nov. 19- 1843.

(Signed) Adeline B. A. Benson



Subscribed and sworn to by the said  
 Adeline Brooks Andrus Benson the day  
 and year first above written

David Crockett  
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Territory of Utah } ss.  
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Be it remembered that on this sixth day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, David Crockett, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Pamela Andrews Benson who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the nineteenth day of November, A.D. 1843. She was married or sealed to Ezra T. Benson, for time and all eternity by Hyrum Smith, in the presence of Adeline B. Andrews, her sister; which was done in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois. And further, on the twenty-seventh day of April A.D. 1844, at the same place she was present and witnessed the marrying or sealing of her sister Adeline to her husband E. T. Benson, by President Hyrum Smith

(Signed) Pamela A. Benson



Subscribed and sworn to by the said Pamela A. Benson, the day and year first above written.

David Crockett  
 Justice of the Peace

## Testimony of Orson Hyde

Springtown, Sept. 15, 1869

I, Orson Hyde, do hereby certify and declare according to my best recollection, that on the fourth day of September, I was married to Miss Harinda A. Johnson, in Kirtland Ohio, in the year of our Lord 1834. And in the month of February or March (1843) I was married to Miss Martha R. Browitt, by Joseph Smith the martyred Prophet and by him she was sealed to me for all eternity, in Nauvoo Illinois; And in the Month of April of the same year, 1843, I was married by the same person to Mrs. Mary Ann Price, and by him she was sealed to me for time and all eternity, in Nauvoo Illinois, while the woman to whom I was first married was yet living and gave her cordial consent to both transactions, and was present personally to witness the ceremonies.

(Signed) Orson Hyde

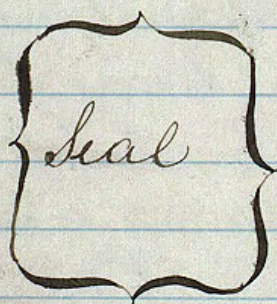
Sworn to and Subscribed to before me this -

fifteenth day of September A.D. 1869 at  
Springtown, San Pete County, Utah Territory

(Signed) George Brough  
Justice of Peace

I hereby certify that the above named  
George Brough is a Justice of the Peace  
for the Precinct of 1st Springtown in  
the County of San Pete, Utah Territory,  
and that he is duly qualified in accord-

ance with law; in testimony  
whereof I have herunto set my hand  
and affixed the County Seal  
of San Pete County, Utah Territory,  
at my office, Manti City, this  
September 16th. A.D. 1869.



(Signed) William T. Reid  
County Clerk

Salt Lake City  
Oct. 10th. 1869

We, hereby jointly and severally certify that on the twelfth day of August A. D. 1843, — Hyrum Smith presented to the High Council, in his brick Office, at Nauvoo assembled, the Revelation of Celestial Marriage, given to Joseph Smith, and written on the twelfth day of July 1843, and that the teaching of Hyrum Smith, referred to in the minutes of the Council on said twelfth of August 1843, was on the subject of said Revelation, endorsing the same, and enforcing it upon the Council.

In testimony whereof we herunto affix our names, this tenth day of Oct. 1869.

David Fullmer

Thos W. Hooper

Arnon Johnson

Territory of Utah } ss. James <sup>this</sup> Alfred  
County of Salt Lake } <sup>mark</sup> attest Jas. F. Smith  
Personally appeared before me

Jacob G. Bigler, Probate Judge for Juab County, Territory aforesaid, David Fullmer, Thomas Grover and Aaron Johnson, who were by me sworn in due form of law, and upon their oath say that the foregoing statement by them made and signed, is true.

David Fullmer

Thomas Grover

Aaron Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to by the said David Fullmer, Thomas Grover and Aaron Johnson this 10. day of October A.D. eighteen hundred and Sixty-nine.

Jacob G. Bigler

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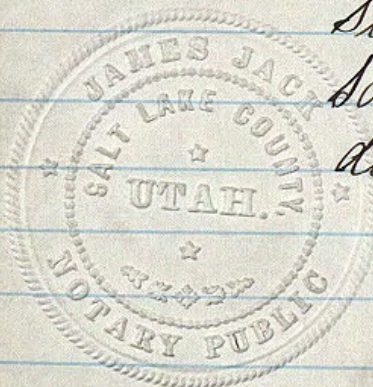


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Personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in & for said County, on this twenty-third day of April A. D. 1870, Jacob Peart Sen. who was by me sworn and upon his oath saith that, on or about the 4th. day of June 1841, his wife Elizabeth Holden, died in Nauvoo, and that in November 1843 Phoebe Thompson was sealed to him for time, and Elizabeth Holden, deceased, was sealed to him for time and all eternity, Phoebe Thompson acting for the deceased, by President Hyrum Smith, in the presence of his wife Mary Smith.

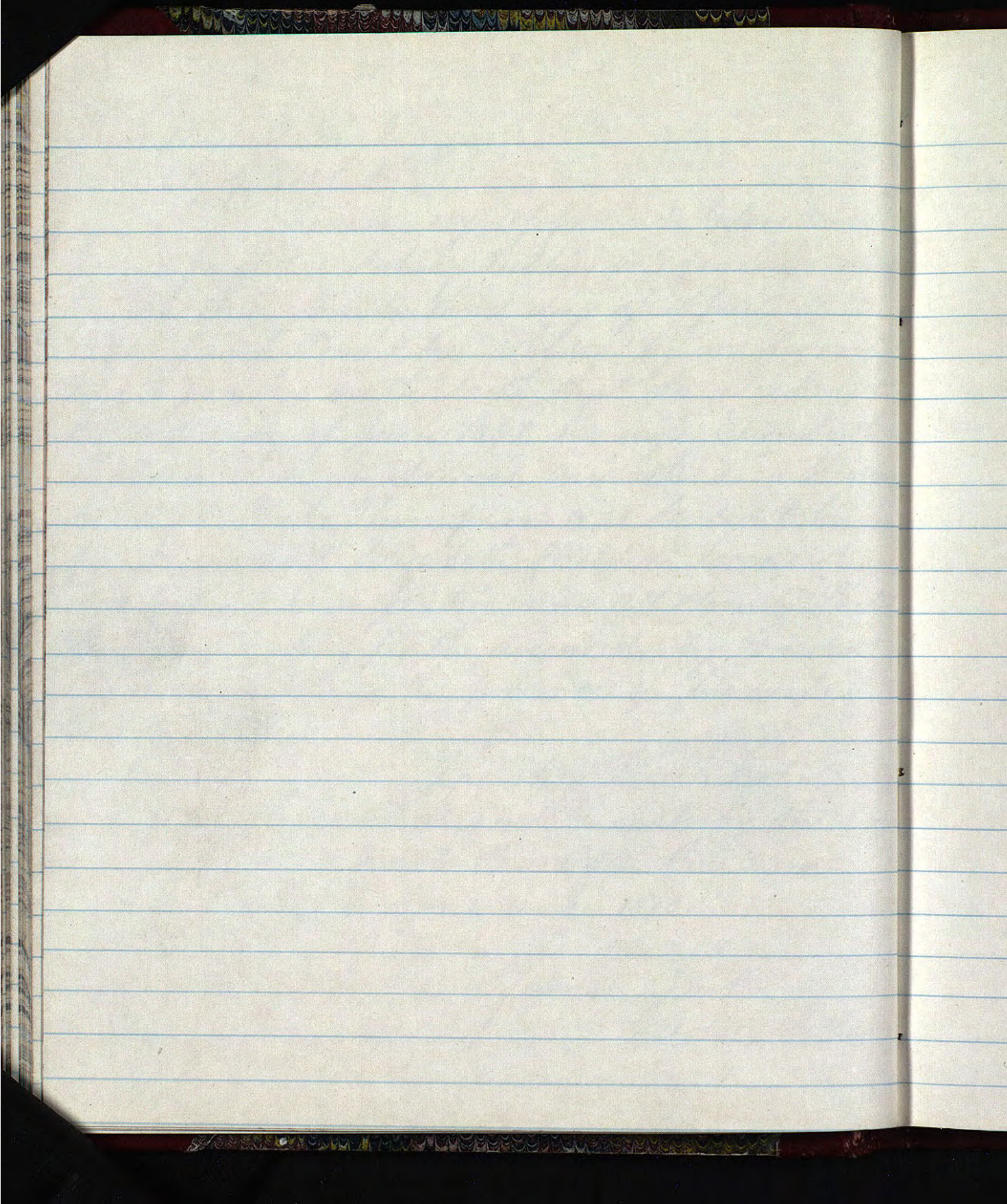
Jacob Peart Sen.  
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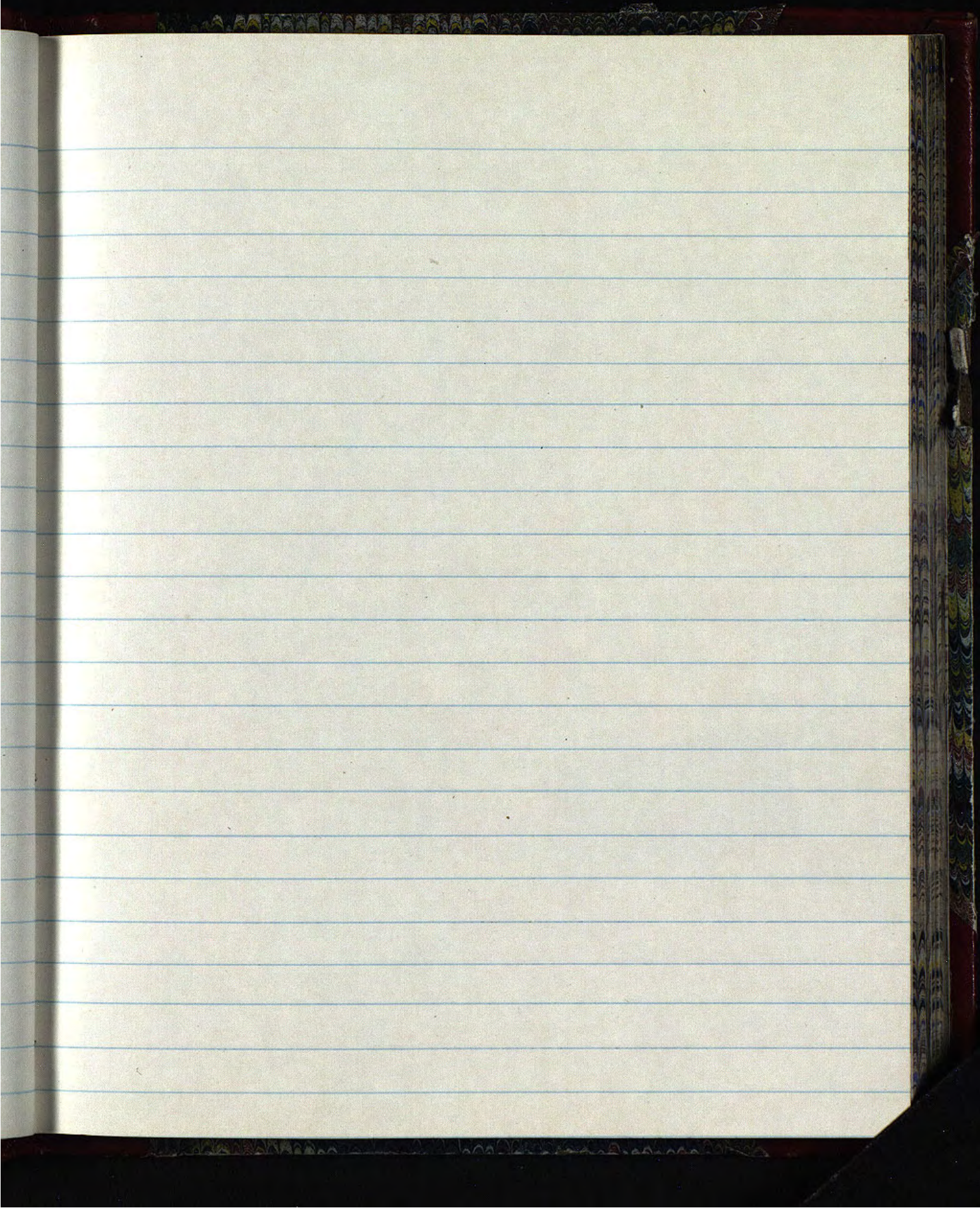
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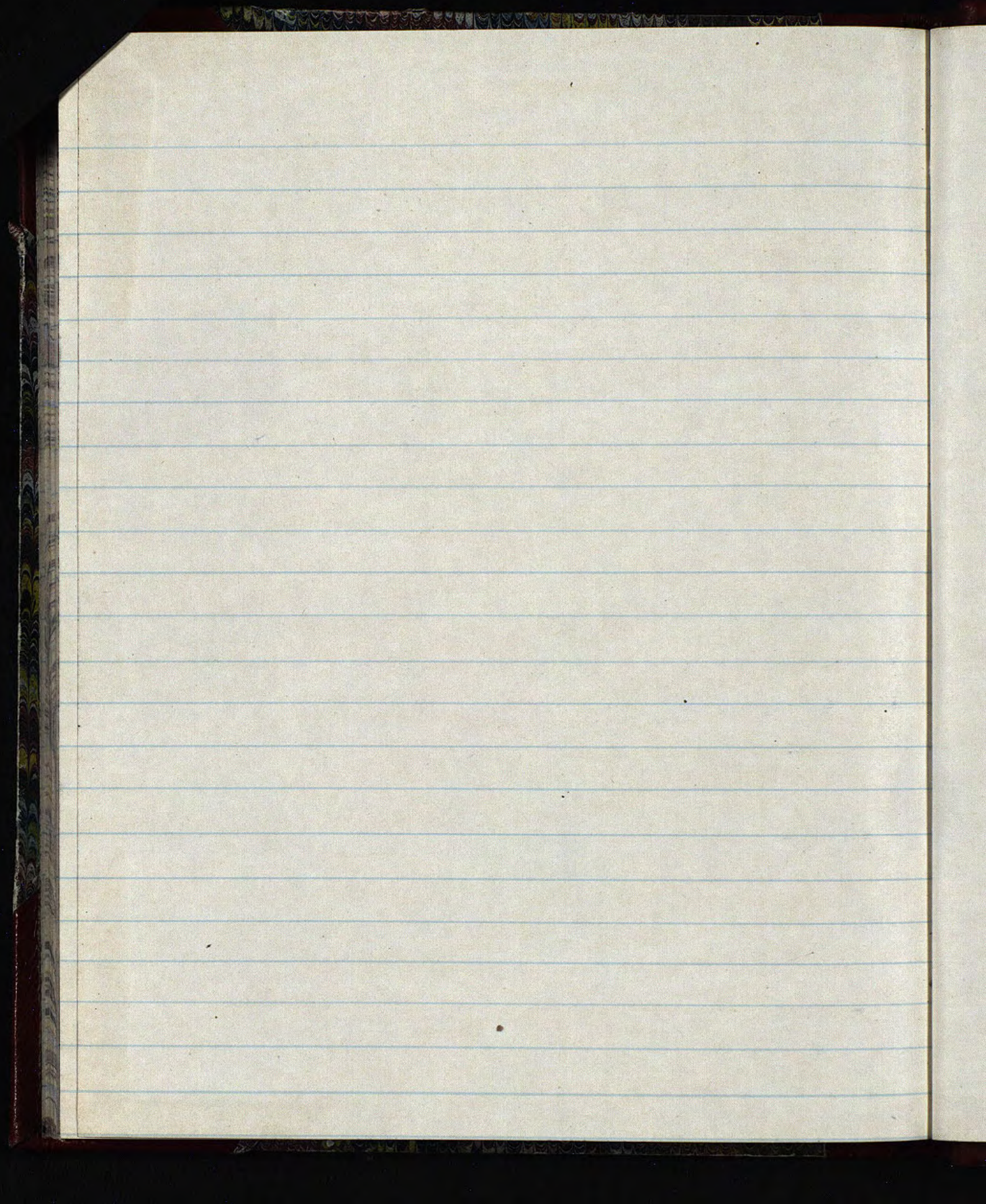


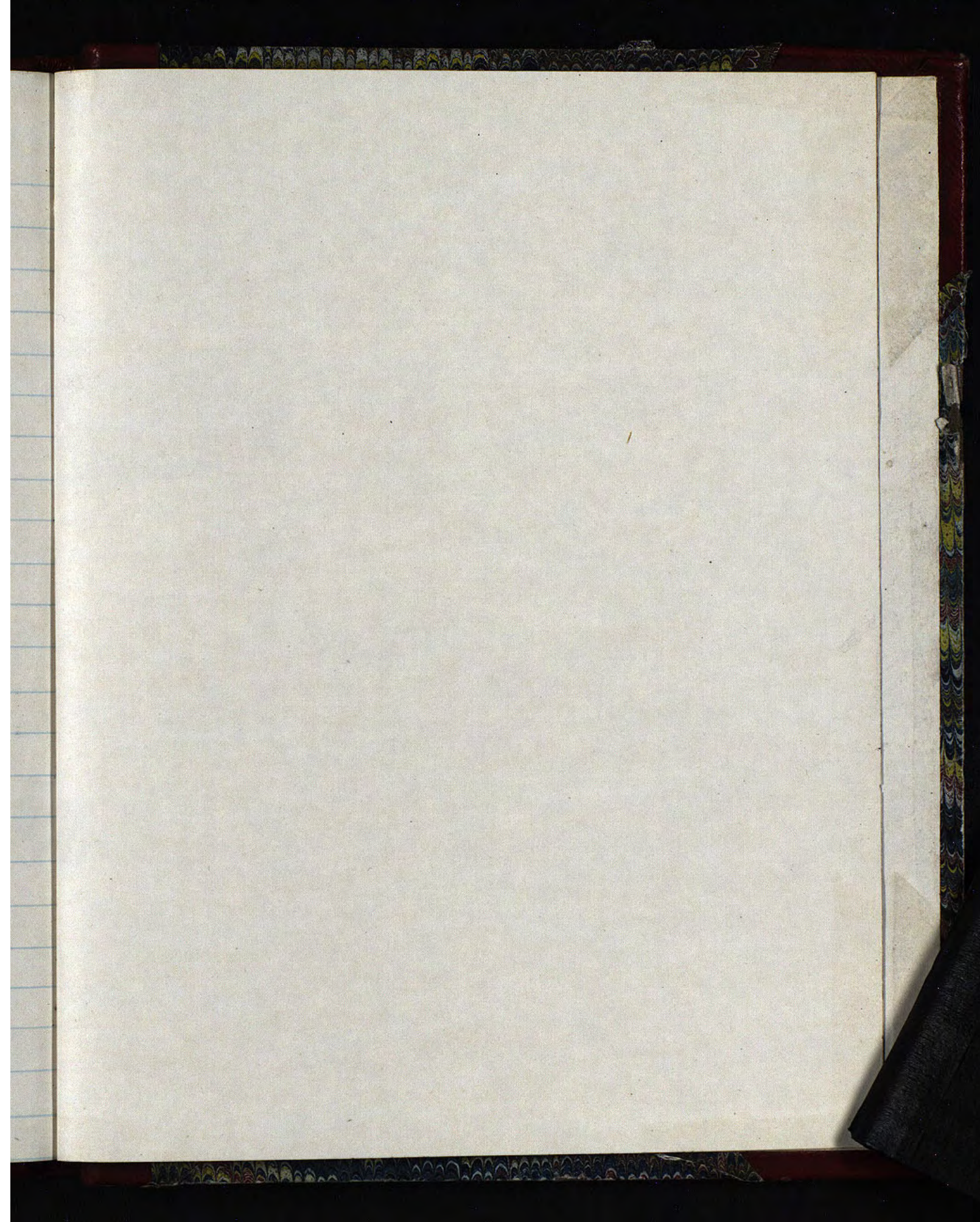
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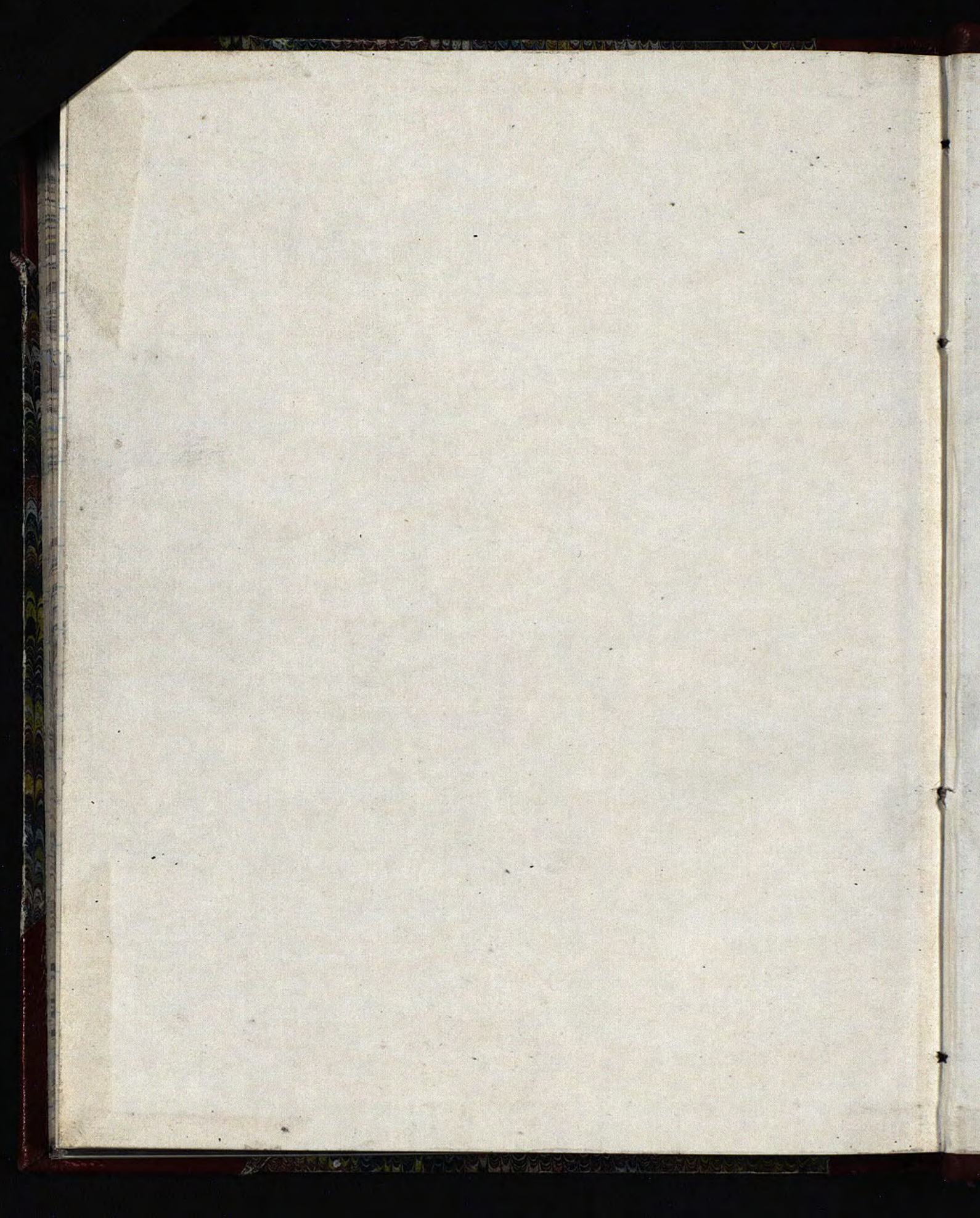
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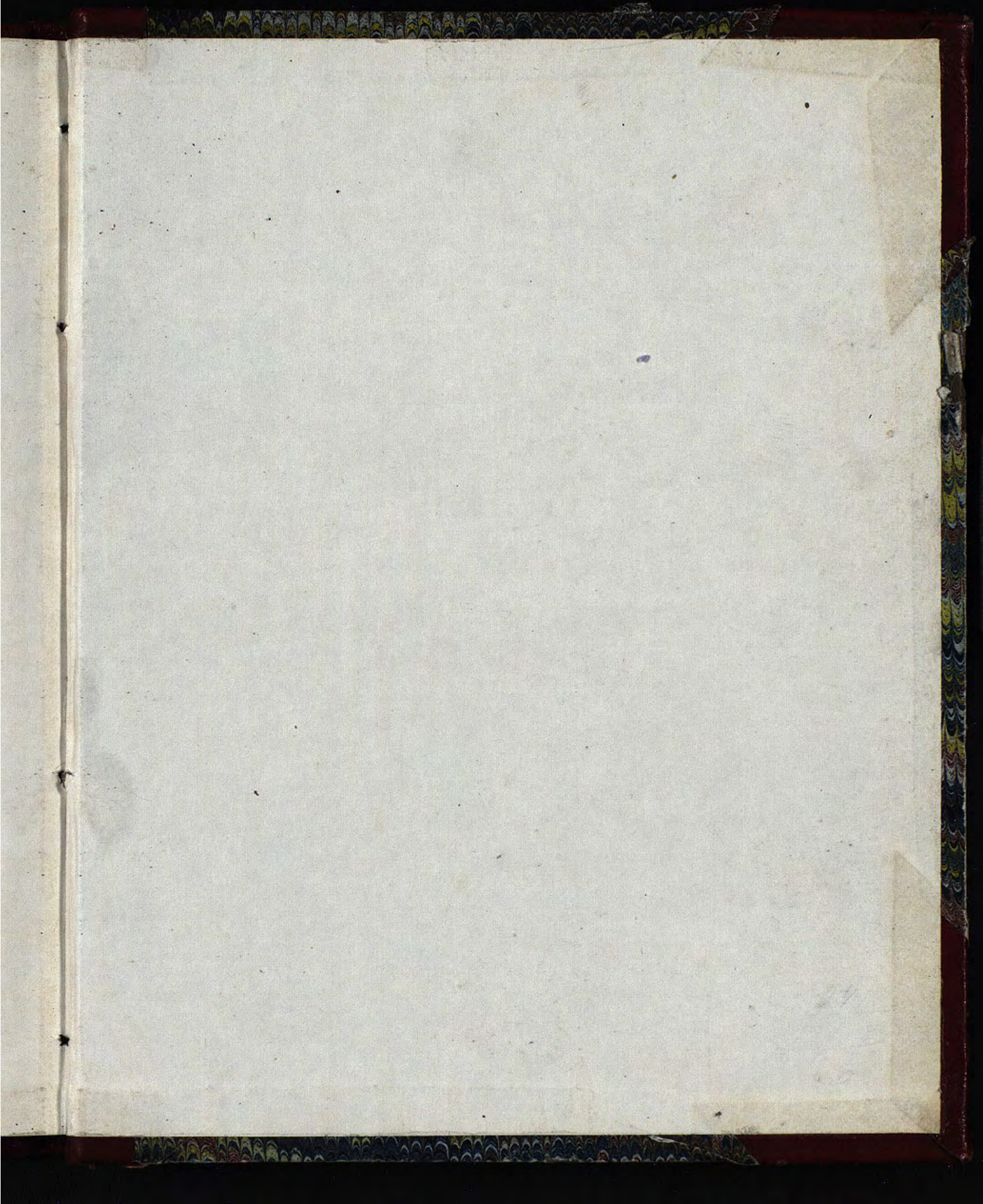















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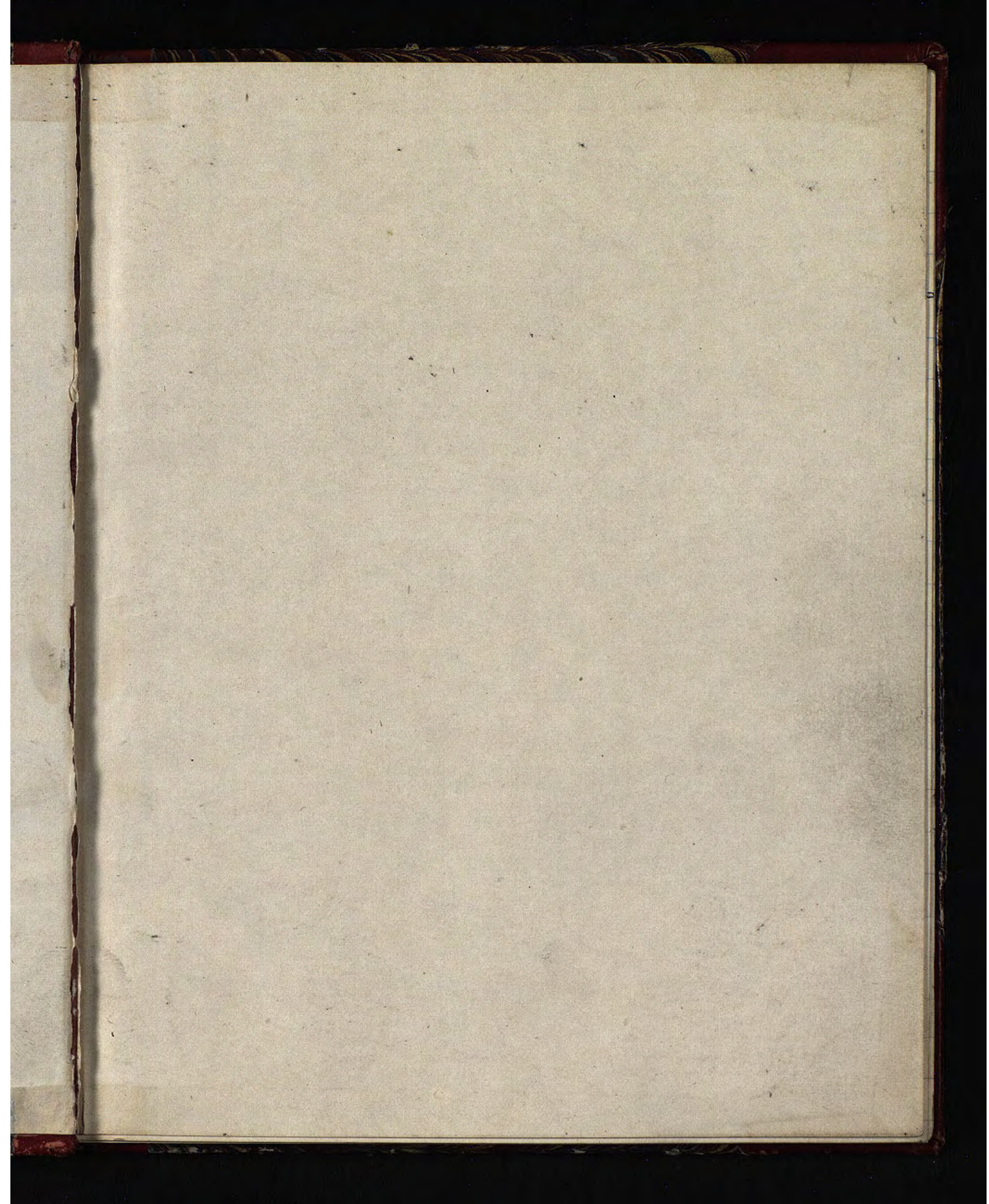
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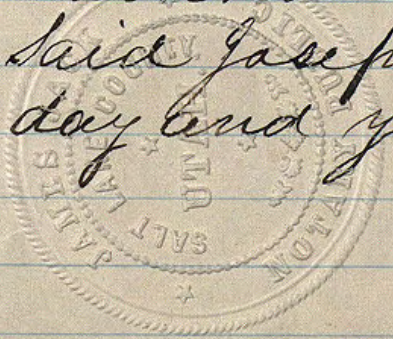
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Be it remembered that on this twenty-sixth day of June A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Joseph Bates Noble, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith, that, on the fifth day of April A.D. 1841 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, he married or sealed Louisa Beaman, to Joseph Smith President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, according to the order of Celestial Marriage revealed to the said Joseph Smith.

Joseph B. Noble

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
said Joseph Bates Noble, the  
day and year first above written )



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~~Territory of Utah  
County of Salt Lake } ss.~~

~~Be it remembered that on this twenty-sixth day of June A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County,~~

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Territory of Utah,  
County of Salt Lake. } fs.

Be it remembered that on this first day of May A. d. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith Probate Judge for said County, Zina Diantha Huntington <sup>Young</sup> who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath faith, that on the twenty seventh day of October A. d. 1841, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Nimick B. Huntington a High Priest in said church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Fanny Mariah Huntington.

Zina D. H. Young

Subscribed and Sworn to  
by the said Zina D. H. Young  
the day and year first above written

E. Smith

Probate Judge

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Territory of Utah }  
County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this first day of May A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, judge of Probate for said County, Prescenda Lathrop Huntington<sup>Kimball</sup> who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath faith that on the eleventh day of December A. D. 1841, at the city of Nauvoo, county of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Dimick B. Huntington a High Priest in said church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Fanny Maria Huntington

Prescenda L. H. Kimball

Subscribed and sworn to by the }  
said Prescenda L. H. Kimball, the }  
day and year first above written }

E. Smith

Probate Judge

RUTH D. VOSE

"Times & Seasons", Vol. 2, p. 324 states that E. Sayers was married to Miss Ruth D. Vose, Jan. 23, 1841.

In her own statement she says she was married or sealed for eternity to the Prophet Joseph Smith by Hyrum Smith Feb., 1843.

Territory of Utah,  
County of Salt Lake. } ss.

Be it remembered that on this first day of May, A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Ruth Rose Sayers, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the        day of February, A. D. 1843, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Hyrum Smith presiding Patriarch of said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Ruth V. Sayers

Subscribed and sworn to by the said  
Ruth V. Sayers, the day and  
year first above written }  
E. Smith

Probate Judge.

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Territory of Utah  
County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this first day of May, A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Emily Dow Partridge Young, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath faith that on the fourth day of March A. D. 1843, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Heber C. Kimball one of the Twelve apostles of said church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in presence of

Emily D. P. Young

Subscribed and Sworn to by the  
Said Emily D. P. Young, the day  
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Be it remembered that on this first day of May, A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Judge of Probate for said County, Emily Dow Partridge Young, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath faith that on the eleventh day of May, A. D. 1843, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or feated to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by James Adams a High Priest in said Church; according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Emma (Hale) Smith and Eliza Maria Partridge [Lyman]

Emily D. P. Young

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
said Emily D. P. Young, the day  
and year first above written }  
E. Smith

Probate Judge



Territory of Utah, }  
 County of Salt Lake. } ss.

Be it remembered that on this first day of May, A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Marianda Nancy Johnson Hyde who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath faith that on the day of May, A. D. 1843, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints by Brigham Young, President of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles of said church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Eliza Maria (Partridge) Lyman and Emily Dow (Partridge) Young.

M. N. J. Hyde

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 Said M. N. J. Hyde, the day and  
 year first above written }

E. Smith Probate Judge

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 County of Salt Lake } p.

Be it remembered that on this first day of May, A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County Rhoda Richards was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath faith that on the twelfth day of June A. D. 1843, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Willard Richards one of the Twelve apostles of said church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; ~~in the presence of~~

Rhoda Richards

Subscribed and Sworn to by the }  
 said Rhoda Richards, the day }  
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Be it remembered that on this first day of May A. D. 1869, personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Wimick B. Huntington, who was by me sworn in due form of Law, and upon his oath faith, that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1841, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, he married or sealed Zina W. Huntington to Joseph Smith, President of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and also on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1841 at the same place he married or sealed Prescendia L. Huntington to the said Joseph Smith according to the laws of the said church regulating marriage; in the presence of Fanny M. Huntington

D. B. Huntington

Subscribed and Sworn to by the  
Said D. B. Huntington, the day  
and year first above written }

E. Smith Probate Judge



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Be it remembered that on this first day of May A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Fanny Maria Huntington, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath faith that she was present when Zina W. and Presendia L. Huntington were married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, in the fall of the year 1841

Fanny Maria Huntington  
 Sworn and Subscribed to by the  
 Said Fanny Maria Huntington the  
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E. Smith

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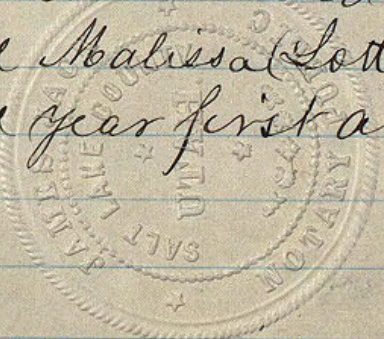
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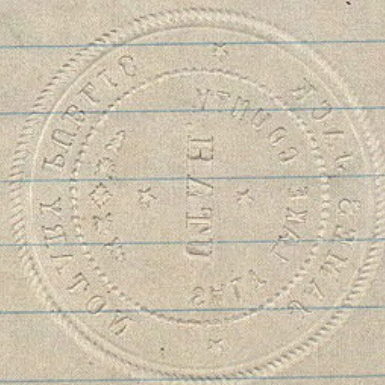
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Be it remembered that on this twentieth day of May A.D. 1864 personally appeared before me, James Jack a notary public in and for said County Malissa (Lott) Willes who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the twentieth day of September A.D. 1842 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by Hyrum Smith, Presiding Patriarch of said Church, according to the laws of the same, regulating marriage; in the presence of Cornelius P. Lott, and Permelia Lott, Malissa Lott Willes,

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Malissa (Lott) Willes, the day  
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James Jack  
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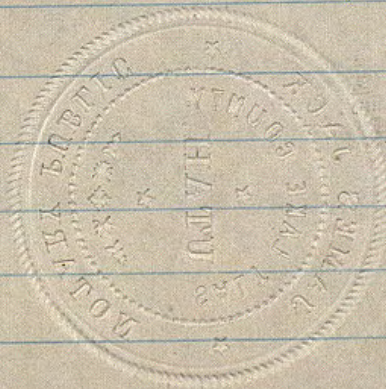
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County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this Seventh day of June A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County Eliza Roxey Snow, who was by me sworn ~~by~~ in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the twenty-ninth day of June A.D. 1842, at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, by Brigham Young, president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage, in the presence of Sarah M. Cleveland.

Eliza R. Snow, Smith,

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
said Eliza Roxey Snow the day  
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James Jack,  
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Be it remembered that on this  
 fifteenth day of June A.D. 1869, personally  
 appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public  
 in and for said County, David Fullmer,  
 who was by me sworn in due form of law,  
 and upon his oath saith, that on or about  
 the twelfth day of Aug. A.D. 1843, while  
 in meeting with the High Council, (he being a  
 member thereof) in Hyrum Smith's brick office  
 in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock,  
 State of Illinois, Dunbar Wilson made enquiry  
 in relation to the subject of a plurality of  
 wives, as there were rumors about, respecting  
 it, and he was satisfied there was something  
 in those rumors, and he wanted to know what  
 it was, upon which Hyrum Smith stepped  
 across the road to his Residence, and soon  
 returned, bringing with him a copy of the  
 revelation on Celestial Marriage, given to  
 Joseph Smith July 12 A.D. 1843, and read  
 the same to the High Council, and bore  
 testimony to its truth. The said David

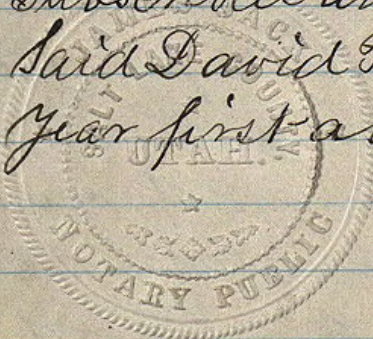
Fullmer further saith that, to the best of his memory and belief the following named persons were present, Wm. Marks, Austin A. Cowles, Samuel Bent,

Geo. W. Harris, Dunbar Wilson, Wm. Huntington, Levi Jackman, Aaron Johnson, Thomas Grover, David Fullmer, Phineas Richards, James Allred, and Leonard Soby. and

the said David Fullmer further saith, that Wm. Marks, Austin A. Cowles and Leonard Soby were the only persons present who did not receive the testimony of Hyrum Smith. And that all the others did receive it, from the teaching and testimony of the said Hyrum Smith. And further, that the copy of said Revelation on Celestial Marriage, published in the Desert News Extra of September fourteenth A.D. 1852, is a true copy of the same. David Fullmer

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
Said David Fullmer the day and  
Year first above written

James Jack  
Notary Public





## Certificate

I, Lovina Walker, hereby certify that while I was living ~~at~~ with Aunt Emma Smith, in Fulton City, Fulton Co. Illinois, in the year 1846, that she told me that she, Emma Smith, was present and witnessed the marrying or sealing of Eliza Partridge, Emily Partridge, Maria Lawrence, and Sarah Lawrence to her husband, Joseph Smith, and that she gave her consent thereto.

Lovina Walker

We hereby witness that Lovina Walker made and signed the above statement on this 16 day of June A.D. 1869, at Salt Lake City, S.L. County, Utah Territory, of her own freewill, and accord.

Hyrum S. Walker

Sarah C. Smith

Jas. F. Smith

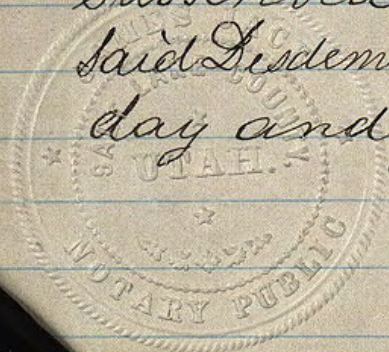


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Be it remembered that  
 on this Seventeenth day of June A.D. 1869—  
 personally appeared before me James Jack  
 a Notary Public in and for said County,  
Desdemona Fullmer Smith who was by me sworn  
 in due form of law, and upon her oath  
 saith that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of July A.D.  
1843 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock,  
 State of Illinois, she was married or  
 sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the  
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,  
 by Brigham Young, President of the Quorum  
 of the Twelve Apostles of said Church acc-  
 ording to the laws of the same, regulating  
 marriage, in the presence of Heber C. Kimball.  
Desdemona Fullmer Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Desdemona Fullmer Smith the  
 day and year first above written }

James Jack  
 Notary Public





Territory of Utah } ss.  
 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this nineteenth day of June A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Mercy B. Thompson, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the eleventh day of August A.D. 1843 at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Hyrum Smith (for time) Presiding Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, by Joseph Smith, President of said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage; in the presence of Mary Smith; her sister.

Mercy B. Thompson.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Mercy B. Thompson the day  
 and year first above written }

E. Smith

Probate Judge

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 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this nineteenth day of June A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me Elias Smith, Probate Judge for said County, Sarah Ann Kimball who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the twenty-seventh day of July, A.D. 1842 at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, by Kewel K. Whitney, Presiding Bishop of said Church, according to the laws of the same regulating marriage, in the presence of Elizabeth Ann Whitney, her mother.

Sarah A. Kimball

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Sarah Ann (Whitney) Kimball  
 the day and year first above written

E. Smith

Probate Judge



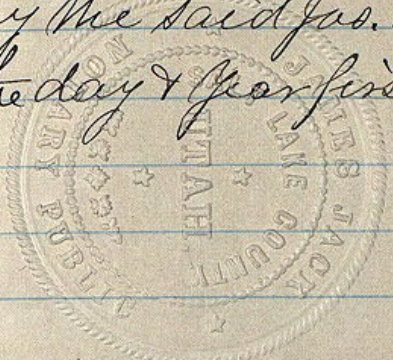
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Be it remembered that on this twenty-sixth day of June A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack A Notary Public in and for said County Joseph Bates Noble, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith that in the fall of the year A.D. 1840 Joseph Smith, the Prophet, taught him the principle of Celestial Marriage, or a "plurality of wives", and that the said Joseph Smith declared that he had received a Revelation from God on the subject, and that the Angel of the Lord had commanded him (Joseph Smith) to move forward in the said order of marriage, and further, that the said Joseph Smith, requested him, (Jas. Bates Noble) to step forward and assist him in carrying out said principle, saying - "in revealing this to you I <sup>have</sup> placed my life in your hands, therefore do not in an evil hour

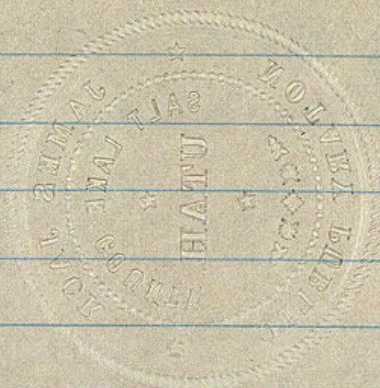
betray me to my enemies."

Subscribed and sworn to }  
 by the said Jas. Bates Noble } Joseph B. Noble  
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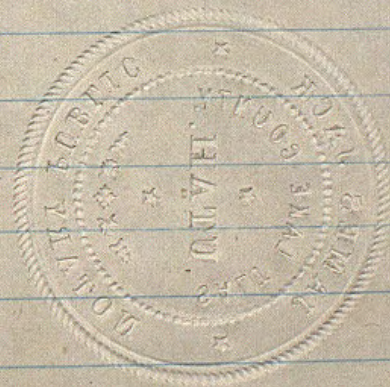
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Be it remembered that on this sixth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Publick, in and for said County, Thomas Grover, of Davis County in said Territory, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith, that the affidavit of David Fullmer taken before <sup>me</sup> James Jack, a Notary Publick in and for Salt Lake County, on the fifteenth day of June A. D. 1869 is true and correct.

And the said Thomas Grover further saith that Hyrum Smith reasoned upon said Revelation for about an hour, clearly explaining the same, and then enjoined it upon said Council to receive and acknowledge the same or they would be damned, and further from the day that Wm. Marks, A. A. Lawler & L. Soby refused to receive said Revelation as from God, they continued to dwindle until they apostatized.

Subscribed & Sworn to by the said Thos. Grover  
 Thos. Grover the day & year first above written

James Jack

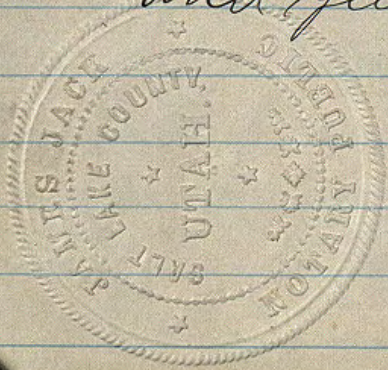


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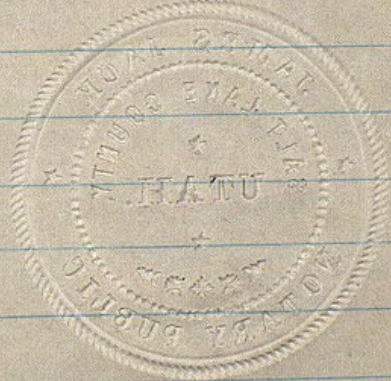
Be it remembered that on this sixth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary-public in and for said County, Thomas Grover, of Davis County in said Territory, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August A. D. 1843 Hyrum Smith, Patriarch, sealed or married to him by order of President Joseph Smith two wives viz. Caroline Whiting and Caroline E. Hubbard according to the principle and commandment contained in the Revelation on Celestial Marriage, given July, 12th. A. D. 1843.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 Said Thomas Grover the day }  
 and year first above written } Thos Grover

James Jack  
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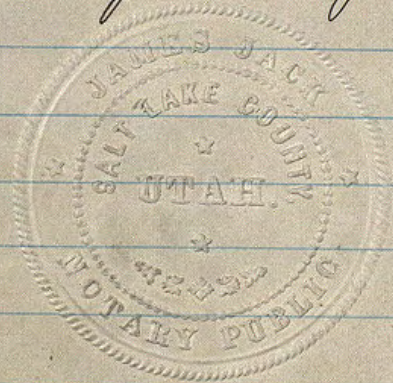


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Be it remembered that on this tenth day of July A.D. 1869, personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for said County, Mary Ann Young, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 184, she was married or sealed for time and eternity to President Brigham Young, by the Patriarch Hyrum Smith, in the town of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, in the presence of the Prophet Joseph Smith

Mary Ann Young

Subscribed and Sworn to by the }  
 Said Mary Ann Young the }  
 day and year first above written }



James Jack  
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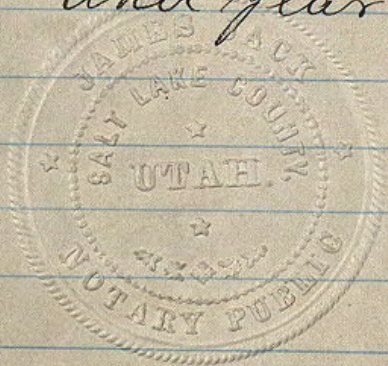
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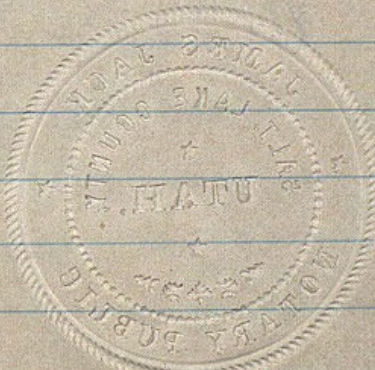
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 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this  
 tenth day of July A.D. 1869 personally appear-  
 ed before me James Jack a Notary Public  
 in and for said County, Lucy Ann D.  
Young, who was by me sworn in due form  
 of law, and upon her oath saith that  
 on the fourteenth day of June A.D.  
1842, in the City of Nauvoo, County,  
 of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was  
 married or sealed for time and for all  
 Eternity to Prst. Brigham Young, by  
 the Prophet Joseph Smith, in the pres-  
 ence of Elder Willard Richards, one  
 of the twelve Apostles. Lucy Ann D. Young;  
 Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Lucy Ann D. Young the day  
 and year first above written }

James Jack  
 Notary Public



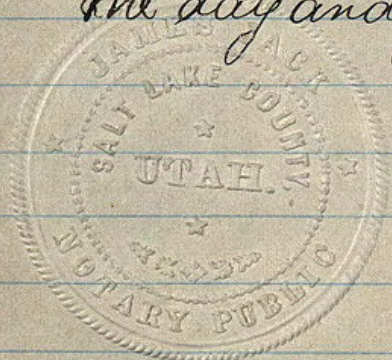
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Be it remembered that on this twelfth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Augusta (Adams) Young who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath with that on the second day of November A. D. 1843, in the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed for time and all eternity to Pres. Brigham Young, by the Prophet Joseph Smith in the presence of Mary Ann Young, Fanny Murray and Harriet Cook

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Augusta (Adams) Young } Augusta A Young  
 the day and year first above written



James Jack  
 Notary Public



Territory of Utah } ss.  
 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this twelfth day of July A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County Augusta Adams Young who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the second day of November A. D. 1843 in the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was a witness to the marriage or sealing of Fanny Murray to President Joseph Smith, by President Brigham Young. Mary Ann Young and Harriet Cook, being present.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Augusta Adams Young the } Augusta A. Young  
 day and Year first above written

James Jack  
 Notary Public

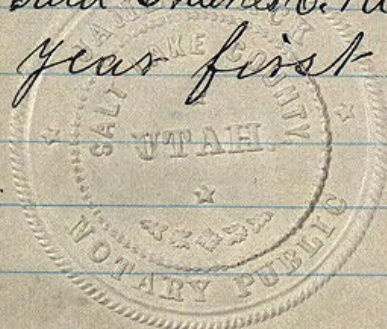




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 County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this twelfth day July A. D. 1869. personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for said County, Charles C. Rich, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath said that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 1844 as he was about starting on a mission to the State of Michigan, Hyrum Smith, Patriarch taught him the principle of Polygamy or Celestial Marriage, and told the said C. C. Rich that when he should return from the said mission, it would be his privilege to take other wives.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Charles C. Rich the day and } Charles C. Rich  
 year first above written



James Jack  
 Notary Public



~~Territory of Utah } ss.  
County of Salt Lake }~~

~~Be it remembered that on  
this twentieth day of July A. D. 1869 pers-  
onally appeared before me, James Jack,  
a Notary Public in and for said County,  
Vienna Jaques, who was by me sworn  
in due form of law, and upon her  
oath saith, that, on the                      day of  
A. D.~~



Territory of Utah } ss.  
 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this twenty-second day of July A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for said county John Pack, who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon his oath saith that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August A.D. 1843 Hyrum Smith, Patriarch, sent for him, his wife and Mother, to come to the said Hyrum Smith's house, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, when the said Hyrum Smith taught him, his wife Julia, and his mother Phyllotte Pack the doctrine of Celestial marriage, - that all former covenants and contracts in marriage would be null and void after death, and that it was his privilege to have his wife sealed to him for time and all eternity, and further that he had a right to act for his father, George Pack, who was dead, that his father and mother might be sealed or married for time and all Eternity also.

and further that he received the doctrine  
 as a Revelation from God thro' the Prophet  
 Joseph Smith, and further that the said  
 Hyrum Smith then and there sealed to him  
 his wife Julia (Ives) for time and all eternity,  
 and also sealed or married his mother Phyllis  
 (Green) to his father George Pack, he (John)  
 acting for and in behalf of his father  
 who was dead.

Subscribed and sworn to }  
 the day and year first above } John Pack  
 written by the said John Pack }

James Pack  
 Notary Public



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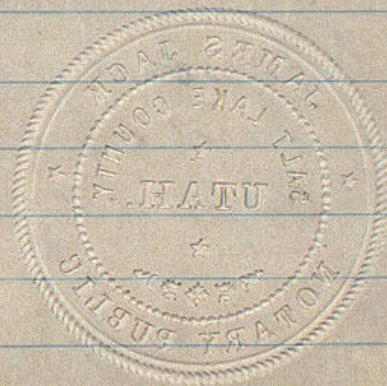
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Be it remembered that  
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 personally appeared before me James  
 Jack a Notary Public in and for  
 said County Cyloia Lyon, who was  
 by me sworn in due form of law  
 and upon her oath saith that on  
 the eighth day of February A. D. 1843  
 she was married or sealed to President  
 Joseph Smith, in the city of Nauvoo  
 County of Hancock, State of Illinois,  
 by



Territory of Utah } ss.  
 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this second day of August A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Elizabeth B. Pratt who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon her oath saith, that on the twenty-fourth day of July A. D. 1843 in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed for time and all eternity by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, in the presence of Mary Ann Young and Mary Ann Pratt, to Parley P. Pratt. Mary A. Pratt being sealed at the same time. Subscribed and sworn to by the said Elizabeth B. Pratt } Elizabeth B. Pratt  
 the day and year first written

James Jack  
 Notary Public

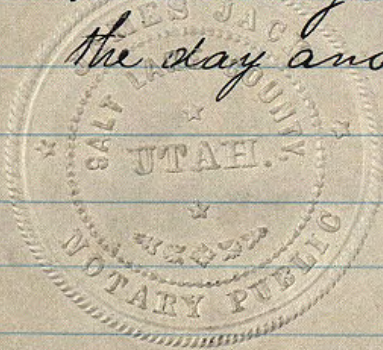


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 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this  
 Sixth day of August A. D. 1869 personally appea-  
 -red before me, James Jack a Notary Public  
 in and for said County, Mary Ellen (Abel)  
Kimball, who was by me sworn in due form  
 of law, and upon her oath saith, that on  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1844, at the  
 City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State  
 of Illinois, she was present, and a witness  
 to the marriage or sealing of Catherine Claw-  
 son, to Howard Egan (who already had one wife)  
 by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch of the Church  
 of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said Mary Ellen (Abel) Kimball } Mary Ellen Kimball  
 the day and year first above written

James Jack  
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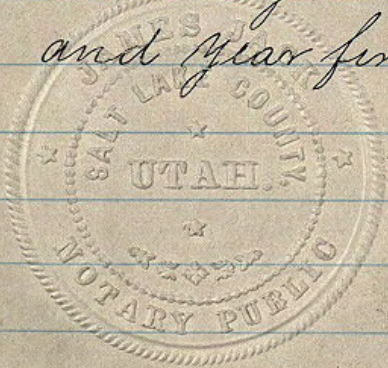




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Be it remembered that on this ninth day of August A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public, in and for said county, Lucy W. Kimball who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the first day of May A. D. 1843, in the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed for time and all eternity to the Prophet Joseph Smith, by William Clayton, a High Priest in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; in the Presence of Eliza Maria Partridge.

Subscribed and sworn to by the }  
 Said Lucy W. Kimball the day } Lucy W. Kimball  
 and Year first above written }



James Jack  
 Notary Public

The following extract is taken from William Clayton's Journal as per date.

"May 1st. (1843) A. M. at the Temple, at 10. married Joseph to Lucy Walker, P. M. at Pres. Joseph's. he is gone out with Woodworth, he borrowed £20 of William Allen. I took Supper with him. President paid £20 to Woodworth for Nauvoo House."

The above is a true copy of entry (as per date) in William Clayton's Journal kept & written at the time, as witnesseth our hands

Aug. 9th. 1869 }  
Salt Lake City }

Joseph F. Smith  
John Henry Smith  
John L. Smith  
L. H. B. Smith

The following is an extract from Elder William Clayton's journal, as pr. date.

Wednesday Aug. 16th. 1843. This a.m. Joseph told me that since Emma came back from St. Louis, she had resisted the principle [of plural marriage] in toto, and he had to tell her he would relinquish all for her sake. She said she would give him Eliza and Emily Partridge, but he knew if he took them she would pitch on him, and obtain a divorce and leave him. He however told me he should not relinquish any thing.

"O, God deliver thy servant from (this) iniquitous bondage."

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of entry (as pr. date) in William Clayton's journal kept daily at that time, as witnesseth our hands.

Salt Lake City }  
Aug. 17th. 1869 }

Joseph F. Smith  
John Henry Smith  
Robt. L. Campbell

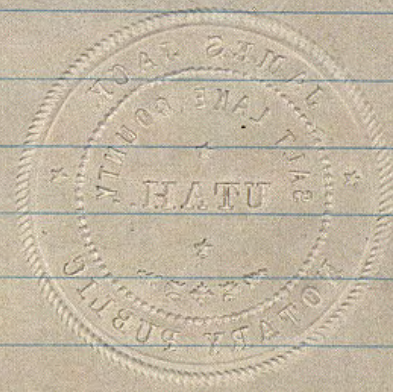


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 County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this twenty-fourth day of Aug. A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Amos Fielding, who was by me sworn in due form of law and on oath saith, that in December A.D. 1843, on his arrival at Nauvoo from a mission to England, he was informed that The Prophet had obtained a Revelation on Celestial Marriage and on or about the 9th. of March A.D. 1844 while in conversation with Joseph Smith at the Mansion, a young lady passed through the room where they were sitting, when Pres. Smith remarked, "that is one of my wives". And further on the 24 day of Feb. A.D. 1844, agreeable to the expressed wish of Pres. Joseph Smith he did volunteer to go west, on the Oregon and California exploring Expedition. Amos Fielding

Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Amos Fielding the  
 day & year first above written

James Jack  
 Notary Public



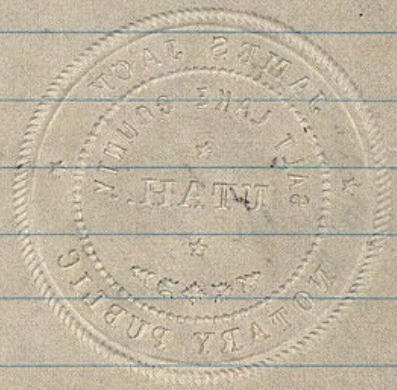
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Be it remembered that on this Thirtieth day of August A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for said County, Elizabeth Ann Whitney, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that, on the twenty-seventh day of July A.D. 1842, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was present and witnessed the marrying or sealing of her daughter Sarah Ann Whitney to the Prophet Joseph Smith, for time and all eternity, by her husband Newel K. Whitney then Presiding Bishop of The Church.

Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Elizabeth Ann Whitney the } C. A. Whitney  
 day and year first above written)



James Jack  
 Notary Public



Territory of Utah }  
 County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this twenty-eighth day of August A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for said County, John Benbow, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith that in the Spring or fore part of the Summer of 1843, at his house, four miles from Nauvoo County of Hancock, State of Illinois, President Joseph Smith taught him and his wife Jane Benbow the Doctrine of Celestial Marriage or plurality of wives, Hyrum Smith being present. And further that Hannah Ellis Smith, a wife of the Prophet, boarded at his house two months during the Summer of the same year. and the said Hannah E. Smith also lived at his house several months in 1844 after the Prophet's death. and further that Pres. Smith frequently visited his wife Hannah at his house.

Subscribed and Sworn to by the } John Benbow  
 said John Benbow the day & year }  
 first written } James Jack  
 Notary Public

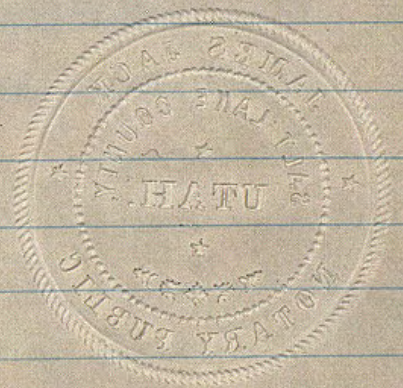


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 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this twenty-eighth day of August A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public, in and for said County Nathan Tanner who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon his oath saith that in the Spring of 1844 at Mount-  
 rocs, Lee County, Iowa, he heard Pres. Joseph Smith, while in conversation with himself, Harrison Sagers, Daniels & others, teach the doctrine of Celestial marriage or plurality of wives. And subsequently he heard the Prophet teach the doctrine publicly from the Stand in Nauvoo, in a manner that he perfectly understood not only that the Prophet believed it, but that it was in force at that time.

Subscribed and sworn to  
 by the said Nathan Tanner } Nathan Tanner  
 the day and year first written)

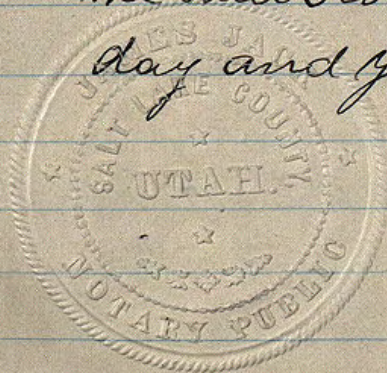
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Be it remembered that on this twenty-eighth day of August A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, James Jack a Notary Public, in and for said County, Elvira A. C. Holmes, who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith, that on the first day of June A. D. 1843, at H. C. Kimball's house, in the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed for time and all Eternity to President Joseph Smith, by Elder Heber C. Kimball in the presence of Vilate Kimball, and Eliza Mariah (Partridge) Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to by  
 the said Elvira A. C. Holmes the } Elvira A. C. Holmes  
 day and year first above written



James Jack  
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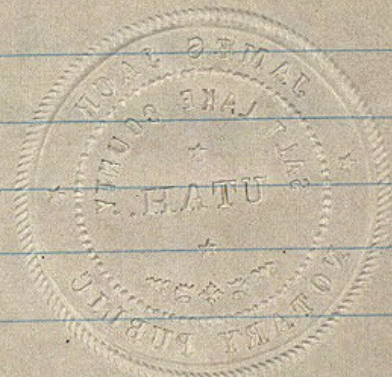
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## ELVIRA A. COWLES

"The Wasp" for Dec. 10, 1842, states that Johnathan H. Holmes married Elvira A. Cowles Dec. 1, 1842 at Nauvoo by Joseph Smith.

In her own affidavit she says she was married or sealed to Joseph Smith June 1, 1843, by Heber C. Kimball.

"Times & Seasons," Vol. 4, p. 287, states that Elvira A. Holmes was an officer in the Relief Society; no doubt, this was Elvira A. Cowles Holmes.

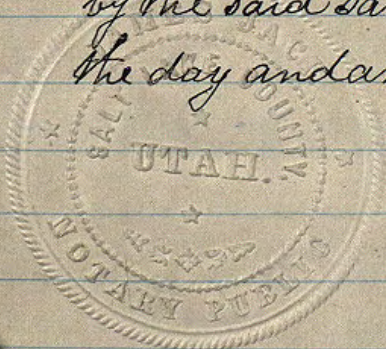


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 County of Salt Lake }

Be it remembered that on this seventh day of September A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for said county Sarah Perry Peak Kimball who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that President Joseph Smith personally taught her the doctrine of a plurality of wives, and that, on the                      day of A.D. 1842, at the city of Nauvoo, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, she was married or sealed for time and all eternity to Heber C. Kimball, by President Joseph Smith, in the presence of President Brigham Young.

Subscribed and sworn to }  
 by the said Sarah Perry Peak Kimball } Sarah P. P. Kimball  
 the day and year first written }

James Jack  
 Notary Public



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Be it remembered that on this second day of October A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me L. John Nuttall, County clerk of said county, James Allred, who was by me duly sworn, and upon his oath saith, that, he was present at the High Council, on or about the twelfth day of August A. D. 1843, held in Hyrum Smith's Brick Office, in Nauvoo Hancock<sup>Co</sup> Illinois, when Hyrum Smith read the Revelation on celestial marriage to said High Council, and enjoined it upon them to manifest their willingness to receive or reject the same, at the same time bearing his testimony of its truth. William Marks A. A. Cowles and Leonard Soby were the only members of the Council present, who voted against the Revelation and the Testimony of Hyrum.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 said James Allred the day } James <sup>his</sup> Allred  
 and year first above written } mark

L. John Nuttall, leo bll

Attest. Wm P. Brown



Territory of Utah } ss.  
 County of Utah }

Be it remembered that on this second day of October A. D. 1869 personally appeared before me, John Nuttall County Clerk of said County, Aaron Johnson who was by me sworn in due form of law and upon his oath saith that he was present at the High Council, (being a member thereof) held on or about the twelfth day of August A. D. 1843, in Hiram Smith's brick office, in the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois, when Hiram Smith presented and read the Revelation on Celestial Marriage, given or dated July twelfth, 1843, and the Affidavits of David Fullmer, sworn and subscribed to on the fifteenth day of June 1869, before James Jack, and of Thomas Grover, dated July sixth 1869, and also that of James Allred dated October 2nd, 1869, which he has heard read, in my presence are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to by the  
 Said Aaron Johnson the day and } Aaron Johnson  
 year first above written

L. John Nuttall. Co. Clerk



Territory of Utah }  
 County of Salt Lake } ss.

Be it remembered that on this thirteenth day of October A.D. 1869 personally appeared before me James Jack a Notary Public in and for said county, Rossena Rachel Adams who was by me sworn in due form of law, and upon her oath saith that on the eleventh day of July A.D. 1843, at the City of Nauvoo, County of Hancock State of Illinois she was married for time and all eternity to James Adams (who already had one wife living) by President Joseph Smith.

Subscribed and sworn to by the }  
 Said Rossena Rachel Adams the } Rossena R Adams  
 day and year first above written }

James Jack  
 Notary Public



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" 33	Whitney, Elizabeth Ann	74
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" 35	Young, Emily D. P.	11
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" 37	Young, Mary A.	46
" 38	Young, Lucy Ann D.	48
" 39	Young, Augusta A.	50
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